



In consideration of the opportunity to host an exchange student, the named host(s) enter into the following

understanding with the Center for Cultural Interchange, a non-profit student exchange organization.

### 1. Program Goals

The overall purpose of the program is to promote international goodwill and understanding by exposing young people to the cultures and values of citizens of other countries. It is expected that for student participants such exposure will enhance their knowledge of a foreign language, their cross-cultural skills, self-knowledge and maturity level. For hosts it is expected that such exposure will enhance their appreciation and understanding of another culture, provide them a deeper awareness and understanding of their own culture, and facilitate a potential lifelong friendship with their exchange student.

### 2. Host Obligations

Host families agree to provide their students the following:

- Room and board for the duration of the program
- The student's own bed (he or she may share a bedroom with a host sibling of the same sex and approximate age)
- Close attention to the student's welfare and safety, as concerned parents would extend to their own children
- A sincere welcome to the student to participate in family activities as a full-fledged family member. Hosts also agree to share all school documents, including grades and progress reports, with the CCI Area Representative.

### 3. Student Obligations

Exchange students are:

- Expected to adapt to the host family's cultural customs and values;
- To integrate themselves into family life—including taking on their fair share of family chores and abiding by family rules;
- To integrate themselves into the high school community and succeed academically;
- To abide by CCI rules and regulations, as indicated in the Conditions of Participation form signed by the students and their natural parents or guardians;
- To bring funds (we recommend \$150 to \$200 per month) to cover their personal expenses, including school activities.

### 4. Organizational Support

CCI organizationally pledges to provide its host families a local Area Representative to orient hosts, to help them and their students adjust to the challenges of the program, to work with area high schools and to be available in case of emergency. CCI further promises to expedite communications with the recruiting and screening agencies abroad, to ensure international travel arrangements are secure, to supervise its representatives, and to monitor and evaluate the program. Additionally, CCI, working through its Area Representatives, will resolve any conflicts or problems that may arise between host and student, and will, depending on the nature of the conflict or problem, find a new host family or, when such action is indicated, arrange for early repatriation of the student at the discretion of CCI. If a move is required, CCI needs 10-14 days notice. Our goal is to find an appropriate placement in the same community and school.

### 5. Visa Arrangements

Students who participate in the Academic Year and Academic Semester Programs travel with J-1 visas supported by the Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI); as such, the ultimate legal responsibility for the welfare of the students lies entirely with CCI, not with host families. CCI's authority to issue to its students documentation supporting their J-1 visas is granted by the U.S. Department of State, which in turn expects CCI to monitor closely all its students throughout the duration of their stay in this country.

### 6. Health Insurance

All CCI exchange students carry health and accident insurance for the duration of the program.

### 7. Program Dates

The approximate dates of the program are indicated below. Actual dates may vary slightly depending on international flight availability or special circumstances of the participant. Hosts who invite students to stay for a period beyond the conclusion of the program must realize that official CCI sponsorship will cease and that health and accident insurance will expire.

#### Host Family

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#### Area Representative

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Student Name

Student Country

Approximate Program Dates

Host Signature

Date of Signature

Area Representative Signature

Date of Signature

# Center for Cultural Interchange Reference Form



## References

Please list as references three people, *not relatives*, who know your family as a group and have visited in your home.

_____	_____	_____
Name	Name	Name
_____	_____	_____
Street Address	Street Address	Street Address
_____	_____	_____
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
(____)_____	(____)_____	(____)_____
Telephone	Telephone	Telephone
_____	_____	_____
Relationship to Family	Relationship to Family	Relationship to Family

## General Information

How did you learn about becoming a CCI Host Family?

Name and address of your most popular local newspaper:

(By providing this information, you are giving us permission to submit a news release announcing your involvement as a host family.)

Can you recommend others who might enjoy hosting?  
(If so, please provide name(s) and telephone number(s).)

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE *CRITERIA FOR TEENAGER EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## When Application Packet is Complete:

Return this form to your CCI Area Representative



Center for Cultural Interchange

For More Information Call: (800) 634-4771

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