



international student **admission application**

Student Information—Student's Essays

Student—*In your own words, respond to the following essay questions, introducing yourself to your future host family and school. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Provide as much detail as possible. These essays must be written in English and signed by the student.*

- 1. Describe yourself. Tell about an important accomplishment or special interest. Tell about your strengths and weaknesses and likes and dislikes.** (What activities do you enjoy? Have you received awards in any of these areas? What things do you find easy or difficult? Do you like or dislike certain foods, animals, treatment of other people, etc.?)

- 2. Describe your family and home.** (Introduce your family members. What are their names, ages, and occupations? What is your home like? Do you have your own room, or do you share your room with others? Where in your house do you study? How far is your home from your school? Do you drive, ride a bus or a bicycle, or walk to school?)

- 3. Describe your involvement in a faith community.** (Do you go to church? How do you participate? Why do you participate?)

- 4. Describe a typical day at school.** (How many subjects do you take? What are they? How long are the classes? What is your daily schedule during the school year? Start with when you wake up and discuss only one typical day's schedule.)

- 5. Describe what you do in your free time.** (Do you spend time with friends or family? How do you spend your free time?)



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6. **Describe your community.** (Is it in or near a major city? What is the population? industry? economy?)

7. **Describe any trips you have taken outside your country.** (Where did you go? Why did you take these trips? Who did you go with? How long did you stay?)

8. **Describe an important experience in your life.** (What did you learn from this experience? Why is it important to you?)

9. **Describe your plans and ambitions for your education and career.** (Do you want to attend a university? What professional goals do you have?)

10. **Describe what you specifically hope to accomplish as an international student, both during your time abroad and when you return home.** (Do you have any specific hopes or expectations?)

11. **Describe how you will share your culture with your host family and school.** (How will your host family and school be enriched by welcoming you as an exchange student?)

Student's Signature _____ Date _____



Applicant's Name _____

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Student Information—Parents’/Legal Guardians’ Essays

Parents/Legal Guardians—*In your own words, respond to the following essay questions. Keep in mind that these essays will help the school place your child in a host family, so please be as frank and honest as possible to ensure that the best placement possible is found for your child.*

Both parents must sign below the essay questions. (If the parents are divorced or separated, two responses to each question may be submitted.)

These essays must be written in English and signed by both parents. (If the student's parents are unable to write in English, it is their responsibility to find someone to help them translate their thoughts into English.)

- 1. Describe your child's relationship with you and your family and with his or her friends.** (How does your child interact with you and others? How does he or she respond to disagreements, discipline, frustration, challenges, and difficult situations? Does he or she communicate freely?)

- 2. Describe your relationship with your child.** (How do you communicate love and respect to your child? How much independence do you give your child? What kinds of responsibilities do you give your child? How do you work out differences? How do you enforce rules?)

- 3. Describe your child's personality.** (What are his or her interests, strengths, and weaknesses?)

- 4. Describe what makes you proud of your child.**

- 5. Explain why you want your child to study abroad.**

- 6. Add any other comments you would like to share with your child's host family and school.**

Parents'/Legal Guardians' Signature _____ Date _____