



HOST FAMILY FAQ's

Who can become a host?

Our host families embody the tapestry of American culture. We wholeheartedly welcome families of every shape and size to join our program.

What are the requirements to host?

- Host parents are 25 or older
- Pass background checks and provide references
- Provide a bed, 3 meals a day, and transportation
- Maintain a stable, caring household
- Treat the student as a family member (not a guest)

Are host families paid?

No. Hosting is a volunteer position. Per U.S. Department of State regulations, host families do not receive compensation. This policy ensures that host families engage in the program with genuine intentions. Host families do qualify for a charitable tax deduction on their tax returns.

Who selects the exchange student?

You do! With the help of your Local Coordinator we will help you find a great student to match your family. You can also view available students on our website.

Can I host two students?

Yes! To host two students, they must come from two different countries and speak two different native languages.

How do I become a host family?

Get in touch with our representative, fill out an interest form, or start an application on our website.

When is the application deadline?

ASAP - the sooner you apply, the more likely we will meet your school deadline.

What are YFU students like?

- As diverse as our host families
- From 60+ countries
- From 15-18 years old
- All speak English
- Have their own spending money and insurance
- Excited to participate in school and family activities!

How long does the program last?

YFU exchange students come to the U.S. for either one semester or a full academic year. Host families may also choose to become a Welcome Family for up to 12 weeks.

How are host families supported?

To ensure a successful exchange for your family and the international student, you are supported by a team of dedicated volunteers and staff. YFU is with you throughout the year to provide assistance. Your Local Coordinator will check in monthly to ensure things are going well. Trained, professional YFU staff are available to support your family and student 24/7.

**For More
Information,
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