



## **Host Family Packet**

**Host Family Application**  
"Family Evaluation"

**Host Family Interview**  
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# Prospective Host Family Interview

**Interviewer Instructions:** This should be a multi-purpose interview. The primary purpose is to assess whether or not this family would make a good host family for a United Studies Student. A secondary purpose is to obtain the necessary information to make a successful placement, if this family is selected to host. As you interview the family, think about their interests, are they quiet, sports minded, intellectual, etc. and what type of student would be comfortable with them and vice versa. The final, but very important purpose of the interview is so that the family can begin to think about what it will mean to have a student living with them. Use this opportunity to evaluate the family as fully and thoughtfully as you can.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you contacted the high school regarding this family and the acceptance of a student:  Yes  No
- Was the family interview held within the family's home:  Yes  No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: An in home interview is required, before a family can be qualified as a host family.

- Which family member first brought up the idea of hosting an exchange student:  Father  Mother  Child
- Were all family members present for the interview:  Yes  No
- Are all family and household members looking forward to hosting:  Yes  No  
If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the family active in Church:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the family active in School:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- Is the family active in Community:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

- How particular is the family about housekeeping:  Very  Somewhat  Not Very  Not at all

- Will the student have his or her own room:  Yes  No

Note: A private bedroom is not required, however the student must have his or her own bed, share the room with the same sex and the host sibling must be 12 years of age or older.

- Does the home have adequate sleeping arrangements for a student:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: It is important that you visibly inspect the student's bedroom.

- Does the home have adequate bathroom availability for a student:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: It is important that you visibly inspect the student's bathroom.

- Does the home have adequate study space for a student:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: It is important that the student has a quiet study area for an increased opportunity to obtain academic success.

- Does the home have adequate personal space for a student:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: It is important that the student has adequate personal space for books, cloths and etc.

- Could this family host a student with special needs:  Yes  No Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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(e.g. vegetarian, physically disabled, allergic, diabetic, etc.)

- What are the family's expectations about hosting a student: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Is the family prepared for the emotional and financial demands involved in hosting an exchange student:  
 Yes  No If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Does the family have any questions or concerns that need to be addressed:  Yes  No If yes, please explain:

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- Please give your impression on the following areas:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

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High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Is the family aware of other possible host families in their own area or elsewhere:  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please check the characteristics which best describe the following:

**Father's Characteristics**

**Mother's Characteristics**

- Adventurous       Friendly       Religious
- Calm                 Humorous       Serious
- Closed-minded     Loving           Shy
- Considerate       Open-minded    Social
- Direct               Organized       Sophisticated
- Easygoing         Outgoing       Studious
- Emotional         Patient         Talkative
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- Please check the characteristics which best describe the family:

- Artistic             Communicative       Formal                 Liberal                 Religious
- Athletic             Down Home             Hard Working         Musical                 Reserved
- Busy                 Easygoing             Independently-oriented    Outgoing               Social
- Close-knit         Family-oriented       Lenient                 Regimented             Strict

- Do you foresee any problems if this family were to host through USSE:  Yes  No If yes, please explain:

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Note: Addressing concerns at the beginning may prevent future problems with a placement. (e.g. babysitter, caretaker, financial support, etc.)

- Please, place a check mark by each of the following subjects covered through your interview:

- Who is United Studies                       Monthly Contact                       Host Family Agreement
- What is Expected of a Host Family       Student Rules of Conduct (1-22)     Student Insurance
- What Makes a Good Host Family       Academics and School                 Calendar Year and Time Tables
- Becoming a Family Member                 Student Probations                     Community Service Projects
- Cultural Adjustments                         Student Moves

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Do you recommend this family as a United Studies Host Family:  Yes  No

• Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

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