

Prospective Host Family Personal Reference

Reference Instructions: You have been listed as a reference on the below named family's application to become a United Studies Host Family. If accepted, they will be opening their home to an international exchange student, who will attend high school and live the daily life as a member of their family and community. Please evaluate the family from your own point of view, using a separate sheet if necessary. Please return the completed form to the area representative's address listed below. All information will be kept confidential. We appreciate your time and assistance.

• **Prospective Host Family:**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Hosting Period: _____
Register Academic Year

• **Area Representative:**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

- How long have you known this family: _____
- Have you visited them in their home: Yes No
- How particular is the family about housekeeping: Very Somewhat Not Very Not at all Don't Know
- In what capacity do you know this family: _____

- To the best of your knowledge, does this family have a stable home life: Yes No Comments: _____

- In your opinion is this family honest, trustworthy and of good character: Yes No Comments: _____

- Are you aware of any alcoholism, drug abuse, sexual abuse, or other problem in this family: Yes No
If yes, please explain: _____

- Would the children in this family, if any, adjust to having an exchange student in their home: Yes No
Comments: _____

• Why do you feel this family wishes to host an exchange student: _____

• Is the family prepared for the possible emotional and financial demands involved in hosting an exchange student:

Yes No If no, please explain: _____

• In your judgment, how would the family handle any problems they might have with an exchange student: (check those which apply)

- Handle problems within their own family without outside assistance.
- Objectively discuss the problem with the student at the onset of the problem.
- Allow the student to express his/her opinion of the problem.
- Be flexible and willing to compromise.
- Seek the guidance of a United Studies representative to solve the problem.
- Ignore problems to avoid confrontations.
- Other: (please specify) _____

• Please check the characteristics which best describe the family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Artistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Communicative | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberal | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> Down Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Working | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Busy | <input type="checkbox"/> Easygoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Independently-oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close-knit | <input type="checkbox"/> Family-oriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Lenient | <input type="checkbox"/> Regimented | <input type="checkbox"/> Strict |

• Would you recommend this family as a host for an international exchange student: Yes No

Additional Comments: _____

• Reference:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

• Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please check here if you would like more information about United Studies and/or hosting a United Studies Student.

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