# Host Family Guidelines



### Why becoming a host family?

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF HOSTING

**Cultural Enrichment for Your Family**: Hosting an international student brings the world into your home. You'll experience a different culture, language, and perspective, all without leaving your house. It's a fantastic way for your family, especially your children, to learn about global diversity firsthand.

**Fostering Lifelong Connections**: Many of our host families develop deep, long-lasting relationships with the students they host. These relationships often grow into lifelong friendships that cross borders, with families staying in touch for years to come, visiting each other in their respective countries, and forming a global network.

**Personal Growth and Broadened Horizons**: Hosting encourages personal growth for everyone involved. For your family, it's an opportunity to practice hospitality, tolerance, and empathy. Students bring their own worldviews, traditions, and stories, which often spark great conversations and fresh insights for your entire household.

**Making a Difference**: By hosting a student, you're offering them a life-changing experience. Many students come with dreams of learning new languages, gaining independence, and creating meaningful memories. You will be helping them achieve these goals while enriching your own life in the process. **Flexible Support System**: You won't be alone in this journey. Our team is here to provide support at every step—whether it's helping you prepare for the arrival, resolving any concerns during the stay, or making sure everything runs smoothly. We ensure that both the student and your family feel supported throughout the experience.

### Obligations

• **To provide** a safe, clean, welcoming home for the full duration of the program including holidays that occur during the agreed upon program dates.

• **To treat** the participant as a member of the family, not as a guest, and to include the participant in daily meals and other family activities.

• **To provide** all meals (unless otherwise specified) and a comfortable room (private if possible) with a separate bed.

• To have a genuine interest in a cross-cultural exchange experience.

• To respect cultural or religious differences as well as the privacy of the participant.

• To establish house rules and communicate those to the participant.

• **To maintain** the confidentiality of all personal or health related information pertaining to their home-stay participant.

• **To know** the procedures that are in place to mediate disputes and, if required, to move a participant to an alternate family.

• **To know** the procedures to be followed in case of emergency including all relevant contact information.

## Rights

• **To expect** that the participant chosen to stay in their home has been screened and interviewed and meets pre-established selection criteria for the program.

• To be contacted by program officials periodically during the homestay program.

• **To be oriented** to the program goals and objectives and to be briefed on organizational policies and procedures including, but not limited to, dispute mediation and emergency

procedures.

• **To be provided** adequate information about the participant's interests, abilities, expectations, and special needs, if appropriate.

• **To expect** that the home-stay participant has been informed of and will adhere to all established program rules.

• **To set** house rules and expect that the home-stay participant will respect and abide by all rules set down by the host family.

• **To expect** that the participant has a genuine interest in a cross-cultural experience and will participate in family life and activities.

• **To expect** that the participant will respect local customs, cultural and religious differences as well as the privacy of the family members.

• **To expect** that any images or messages regarding the family or any of its members will be used by the hosting organization only with the full understanding, participation and permission of the subjects (or subject's parent/guardian).

• **To expect** that all personal information related to the family or any of its members that was collected during the screening process will be held in a secure manner by the hosting organization and disclosed only on a strict need-to-know basis.

### Finances

We expect that Experiment families are motivated by the desire to host and to engage in a meaningful cross-cultural experience. We do not expect that their desire to host is financially motivated. We do realize, however, that providing accommodations, food, heating and other amenities does not come without a cost and that many otherwise well-qualified families would not be able to afford to host if some of these costs could not be recouped. It is left to each Federation Member to determine if host families will be compensated and, if so, how much they will receive in the form of a non-commercial hospitality allowance.

### **APPLICATION FORM**

#### SCHEDA DI ADESIONE PER OSPITALITA'

LUOGO E DATA		
Cognome	Nome	
Indirizzo		
CapCittà		
Tel casa	Cell	
E-mail		
Elenco dei membri della famiglia (indicare il nome, la parentela e l'età):		
Nome	Parentela	Età
>>		Età
>>	>>	Età
>>		Età
>>		Età
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Professione di tutti i membri della famiglia:

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Eventuali lingue conosciute e grado di conoscenza:

Elevato O - Medio O - Minimo O
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Ho animali domestici? in casa ${\sf O}$ - fuori casa ${\sf O}$
Desidero che l'Experiment ospite sia di sesso:

Maschile O – Femminile O - A scelta dell'Experiment O

#### N.B.:

L'Experiment non fa discriminazioni su basi etniche, religiose, sociali o politiche. Si presume che le famiglie accolgano di buon grado Experimenters di diversa etnia, religione, ceto sociale e credo politico.

#### Utilizzo dei Dati Personali

I dati personali forniti, inclusi email e numero di telefono, saranno utilizzati esclusivamente per finalità legate alle comunicazioni interne, all'invio di offerte personalizzate su pacchetti relativi a corsi di lingua e programmi di scambio all'estero, nonché per aggiornamenti riguardanti i nostri servizi. Tutti i dati saranno trattati nel rispetto della normativa vigente in materia di protezione dei dati personali (Regolamento UE 2016/679 - GDPR).

Sono a conoscenza delle prerogative del programma e vi aderisco accettando di ospitare per il periodo in programma una persona che risponda ai requisiti da me richiesti. La mia adesione avviene dopo aver attentamente ponderato quali notevoli disguidi potrebbe comportare una rinuncia, in particolar modo se in fase di organizzazione inoltrata.

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