

Middlebury College

Friends of International Students Host Program

HOST QUESTIONNAIRE

We will use the information from the host questionnaires to make appropriate matches between hosts and new international students. Information from your questionnaire (*the more detail, the better*) will be shared with your international student so that he/she will have an introduction to your family. If we are unable to match you this year, we will notify you of future opportunities to become involved with our international students.

To be considered as a host, please submit your questionnaire as soon as possible and no later than the deadline. You may return it by mail to **Friends of International Students Host Program**, International Student & Scholar Services, 84 South Service Road, Service Building-2nd Floor, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753, or you may fax it to the attention of **ISSS: 802-443-2063**. You may also scan and e-mail it to iss@middlebury.edu. If you have questions, please contact International Student & Scholar Services at iss@middlebury.edu or **802-443-5858**.

(Please identify one person as the primary contact even though other members of your family will also be involved.)

Today's Date: (Month/Day/Year): _____

Name (first & last): _____ **(Check one)** ___ Male or ___ Female

Mailing Address: _____ **Phone (Day):** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone (Evening):** _____

(We will usually communicate by email. If you prefer a different method of contact, please let us know)

If you have a current or prior affiliation with Middlebury College, please indicate those that apply:

___ Current employee ___ Former employee ___ Alumna/us ___ Parent of Alumna/us
___ Worked with a student volunteer ___ FIS Host ___ Other—please describe:

Have you ever served as a host family to anyone (not necessarily with a Middlebury student)?

If so, please explain:

Please list the members of your immediate household (*name/relationship to you/ages*).

If applicable, please list any children who return home for school vacation periods, and/or grown children or family members living elsewhere that you envision introducing to your student on occasion.

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What interests you most about being a host family?

Please indicate how you describe yourself (choose one):

Outgoing _____ Somewhat outgoing _____ Somewhat quiet _____ Quiet _____

What are your family's hobbies and interests? (Please provide a brief list below)

What are your family members' current or former fields of employment or professional activities?

What types of activities would you plan to do with your student?

How often would you expect/hope to meet with your student?

_____ weekly _____ 2 times/month _____ monthly _____ every 2 months

How often would you envision communicating by email or phone?

_____ weekly _____ 2 times/month _____ monthly _____ every 2 months

Most international students do not have access to transportation; therefore they will usually need assistance in getting to your house or off-campus gathering locations. Please indicate if you have any concerns about this.

Have you or members of your family ever traveled abroad? _____ Yes or _____ No

If yes, please describe those experiences briefly (i.e. locations/time periods).

What experience do you have with other cultures or with people who are different from you?

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Does your family have pets? _____ Yes or _____ No

If so, what type and how many?

Do you have a religious affiliation? _____ Yes or _____ No

a. If yes, what religion do you practice?

b. How would you feel about hosting a student who practices a religion *different* from yours?

c. How would you feel about hosting a student who practices *no* religion?

Some international students occasionally smoke. We hope that you will be comfortable communicating your household smoking rules to your host student. Let us know if someone in your household has severe allergies to smoke.

a. We must have a non-smoking student due to allergies _____ Yes or _____ No

b. Do you mind if your student smokes? _____ Yes or _____ No

Clarifying comments:

Some international students specifically request a non-smoking household. Do you have a non-smoking household? _____ Yes or _____ No

Hosts often ask for a Friends of International Students (FIS) Host program Directory. Would you be willing to be listed in an FIS Program directory that would be shared with other participants and College administrators? _____ Yes or _____ No

Many of our hosts are active community members and many of our international students are seeking opportunities to get involved in community affairs and events. Please list any community organizations in which you are actively involved that may allow for such an opportunity for a student

___ Local Elementary School

___ Local Middle School or High School

___ Religious Organization

___ Scouts/Guides

___ Sports Teams (volunteer coaching or as a spectator)

___ Local Theatre

___ Art Community

___ Environmental/outdoor/nature activity groups

___ Anything – it does not matter

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What else would you like us and your student to know about you? *Even small details are helpful for us in the matching process.*

FOR MATCHING PURPOSES ONLY – STUDENTS WILL NOT SEE THIS PAGE

Today's Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

1. **Would you be interested in hosting a student from a specific region?** (Select one) Yes or No

Please note that we will use this information only as a reference point.

If yes, please rank your regional preferences by numbering 1-3 (1 being most preferable).

Africa Caribbean North America Middle East
Asia South America Eastern Europe Western Europe

Specific country/countries _____

2. **Would you prefer to host a** Male or Female? (Check here if you have no preference:)

3. **Some families have found that hosting more than one student is easier than hosting an individual student. Would you consider hosting more than one student?** (Select one) Yes or No

If **YES**, please indicate any specific requests regarding the two students.

4. **Exchange students are usually third-year students studying on campus for just one year. Would you be interested in hosting an exchange student?** (Select one) Yes No

5. **Are there any issues that you think will be challenging for you as a host?** If yes, please explain.

6. **In the U.S., families take many forms. Please indicate the type of family you have by checking all that apply, and share any other information you think we should know when we match you:**

Couple with no children Retired couple
 Family with young children Single person (female)
 Family with teenagers Single person (male)
 Family with children away at college or grown children living elsewhere Same gender couple (female)
 Family living with extended family nearby (*parents, siblings, aunts/uncles/cousins*) Same gender couple (male)

7. **Of all the questions in the questionnaire, which category is most important?** (Please rank 1-3)

_____ Region of the world the student is from
_____ Similar interest and hobbies
_____ Similar academic/professional interest

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8. What else would you like us to know about you as we go through the matching process? *Please be as specific as you would like. Even small details or concerns are helpful to us as we attempt to make successful matches.*

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