

# FIS Host Program

# STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We will use the information from this questionnaire to make the best match possible between you and a local family. **Please answer all of the questions and provide detailed information where appropriate.** Some of the information will be shared with your host family so that they will have a sense of who you are. **Please do not edit the format of the electronic PDF.** If you are not completing this form electronically, **please PRINT clearly.** Thank you.

Today's Date (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or \_\_\_\_\_ Female  
*First Name* *Family Name*

The name you prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Office use only: Middlebury contact information: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (street, city, country, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

High school you graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_ Country of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

When you arrive on campus, will you be a (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> year \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer \_\_\_\_\_ Exchange  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Exchange students only*—Name of your current university and location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Transfer students only*—Name of your prior university and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month / Day / Year*

Please list the members of your family (names/relationship to you/ages).

I consider myself to be(select one): \_\_\_\_\_ Outgoing \_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat outgoing \_\_\_\_\_ Somewhat quiet \_\_\_\_\_ Quiet

What are your hobbies and interests? (Please provide a list below. You might want to include things such as outdoor activities, sports, reading, watching movies, music, creative arts, etc.)

What are your academic interests? (Please provide a list below)

What are your post-college career interests? (If you have any, please provide a list below)

Do you have any concerns about being matched with a family that has pets? If yes, please explain.

Do you smoke? (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No

Would you be willing to be placed in a non-smoking household? (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No

Would you be willing to be placed in a family that has smokers? (Select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you have any allergies your host family should know about? (Select one) \_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain.

Are there any foods you cannot or do not eat? (Select one) \_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain.

Do you have a religious affiliation? (Select one) \_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_ No

(a) If yes, what religion do you practice?

(b) If yes, do you have religious practices that you would like your family to know about? (Provide details)

How would you feel about being placed with a family that practices a religion *different* from yours?

How would you feel about being placed with a family that practices a religion *the same* as yours?

How would you feel about being placed with a host family that *does not practice* religion?

Have you traveled abroad before? (Select one) \_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe those experiences below (location/duration/purpose of trip).

Have you had a host family experience before? (Select one) \_\_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please describe the experiences below (when/duration of time/level of involvement)

How involved do you expect/hope to be with your Middlebury College host family? Please include how frequently you envision seeing or having contact with your host family (in person, by phone, via e-mail, etc.)

What are some of the concerns or worries you have about coming to the U.S. and to Middlebury College?

**Some host families are extremely active in the local community. Would you be interested in a host that is involved in any of the following organizations?** *Choose all that would be of interest. Feel free to add comments.*

Local Elementary School

Local Theatre

Local Middle School or High School

Art Community

Religious Organization

Environmental/outdoor/nature activity groups

Scouts/Guides

Anything – it does not matter

Sports Teams (volunteer coaching or a spectator)

*Comments:*

**What language(s) do you speak?**

**Often host request to be matched with students who are interested in occasionally conversing in their native languages with a host family member who is interested in that language. Please indicate how interested you would be in doing that.**

Very Interested

Somewhat Interested

Not Interested

**The following are optional, additional information that we hope would help your host family gain an insight into your interests, your home country and your culture.**

A favorite book:

A favorite musician, artist, or film director:

A book you would recommend to your host as a way to get a glimpse of life in your home country:

**What else would you like your host family to know about you?** *Please feel free to use this page for your response or include an extra document if you need more space to write. You may want to do it in the form of a letter. Please include information about yourself and things you hope to experience when you come to the U.S., to Middlebury, Vermont, and to the College.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

*International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will use this information to make the best matches possible. This information is for ISSS only, and we will not share this information with the host families.*

In the U.S., families take many forms. We encourage students to view the host program as an opportunity to meet new people with diverse backgrounds and experiences.

If you have preferences, please prioritize by numbering the list below. We cannot match everyone with their top preference, but we will make an effort to place you with the best match possible.

(Please rank your top 5 preferences from #1 thru #5—with #1 being your top choice.)

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| ___ 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 ( <i>parents, siblings, aunts/uncles/cousins</i> ) | ___ Same gender couple (male)   |

If you have concerns about being matched with a certain family type (see list above), you may express them below. This will not be shared with your host.

- \_\_\_ I have concerns about being placed with  
\_\_\_ I have no concerns about being placed with any of the family types listed.

Sometimes host families are willing to take more than one student. Would you like to be matched with a family with another Middlebury College student? (Select one) \_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No

Of all the questions in the questionnaire, which category is most important?

(Please rank from #1 thru #3, with #1 being your first choice.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Type (above)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Similar interest and hobbies  
\_\_\_\_\_ Similar academic interest/post-college career interest

Please share any other information that you think will help us with your matching process. *Feel free to attach a separate document if you need more space to write.*

To participate in the FIS Host Program, please submit your questionnaire by the deadline. We will still accept applications after that date; however, we will not be able to guarantee a match during your first term. You may return the completed form by mail to **Friends of International Students Host Program**, International Student & Scholar Services, Service Building-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 84 South Service Road, 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](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu). If you have questions, please contact International Student & Scholar Services at [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu) or **802-443-5858**.