



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

Host Application

2009-2010

DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a friend of an international student or visiting scholar. Students or visiting scholars come to the University of California at Berkeley from all over the world; Asia, Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Their adjustment to the United States can be difficult. Your welcome and friendship will not only ease their transition in the U.S.A., but will also broaden your own understanding of other cultures, and very possibly give you friends to contact when traveling overseas.

As a friend of international students or scholars, you can invite one of them into your home for a meal, or take a student out for a picnic or trip. Fancy entertainment is not called for; students enjoy sharing in an evening of conversation, TV, or games. Many find that it is actually more comfortable to host two students rather than one. The choice is yours, and the activities and timing are entirely up to you and your hostee(s). In short, the time commitment is minimal and the rewards are great!

In order that we can better serve you as a friend of an international student, we would like to know more about your interests. Please answer the questions below, so that we can best match you with an international student or scholar based on your interests. All information is confidential and is used for matching purposes only.

Please complete and return this form to International House, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley CA 94720-2320, attention of International Friendship Program Coordinator, Program Office. You may also contact David Gilliam, IFP Coordinator, by E-mail dgilliam@berkeley.edu, Tel: 510-642-9460). We will contact you soon about our Fall Picnic, Holiday Tea, Spring Potluck Dinner, and other events (attendance optional).

Thank you for your hospitality!☺

Name (circle): Mr. Ms. Mrs. Miss. _____ Date: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

Address: _____ City and Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____ Spouse's occupation: _____

Number and ages of children: _____ Single person family: yes ___ no ___

Interests: _____

Travel experience (not a prerequisite): _____

Foreign languages (if any): _____

Religious affiliation: _____ smoker(s): yes ___ no ___

Had hosted previously: yes ___ no ___ If yes, how long: _____

Do you own a pet (s): Yes ___ No ___ (Indicate & include number: _____)

PREFERENCES:

Country/Countries: _____ Sex: male ___ female ___ either ___

I am willing to host a student from any country. Yes ___ no ___

Number of students you are willing to host: _____

Time commitment (circle): Fall semester Spring semester Academic Year

PLEASE COMPLETE OTHER SIDE

PROGRAM CHOICE:

Please indicate which of these programs interest you:

___ Option 1: **Hosting for Year-end Holidays.** Inviting student(s) over for holiday festivities.

___ Option 2: **Informal Contact.** Maintain contact with student(s) on an informal basis.

___ Other: **Please specify** _____

Where did you hear about the International Friendship Program? _____

Why did you decide to join the International Friendship Program? _____

Can you recommend another family or friend we can contact as potential hosts?
