

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

HOST FAMILY CRITERIA

Classical Christian School for the Arts host families welcome exchange students into their homes for an academic year or semester. As a minimal standard, host families are expected to:

- Provide a room, meals, and a stable family environment. Students must have their own bed, and cannot share a room with a child under twelve. They should also have a quiet place to study.
- Encourage regular Church attendance.
- Provide a home environment that embraces a Christian worldview.
- Have one parent in the family who is at least 25 years of age.
- Undergo a thorough application process, including an in-home interview, background check, and submission of personal references. This is standard procedure for all volunteers participating in school programs.

More importantly, host parents take on the role of second parents for their exchange student. At Classical Christian School for the Arts, we look for families who are:

- **Enthusiastic and Encouraging.** Sharing cultures means sharing in diversity. The more enthusiastic you and your family are, the better the experience will be for everyone involved. The exchange student may need special encouragement to participate in the American culture as provided through school activities. The host family should encourage participation in a variety of activities.
- **Caring and Compassionate.** Your exchange student will require heartfelt support while he or she lives and learns far from home. This may mean helping with homework, providing empathy for challenges the student may face, and including the student in your family routines.
- **Connected.** You'll demonstrate your desire to make your student part of the family by taking the same interest in his or her academic and social experiences as those of your own child. The exchange student should feel connected and included.
- **Adaptable.** A new family member will lead to new challenges for you and your family. It is essential that you remain flexible while new dynamics emerge in your home, setting firm rules but also remaining patient and understanding. Depending on your daily routine, hosting an exchange student may mean a couple more trips in the car, or a few extra helpings at the dinner table. Not surprisingly, most families say that the hardest thing about hosting is saying goodbye!

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Please provide the names, birthdays, and social security numbers of all people who will be living in the home during the foreign student's stay. Check the primary care givers/

1. _____ / / _____ - - _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial Birthday Social Security # Caregiver?

2. _____ / / _____ - - _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial Birthday Social Security # Caregiver?

3. _____ / / _____ - - _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial Birthday Social Security # Caregiver?

4. _____ / / _____ - - _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial Birthday Social Security # Caregiver?

5. _____ / / _____ - - _____
Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial Birthday Social Security # Caregiver?

Please explain why you wish to be a host family; be specific.

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Where are you (the primary caregiver) employed?

Name of Employer:

Address:

Work Phone Number:

Your Cell Phone:

Your Home Phone:

What are your working hours? _____

Do you and all of your family members carry health insurance? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be available and willing to transport the student to and from school daily as well as special school activities and events? Yes ___ No ___

Are you able and willing to provide adequate housing arrangements in accordance with the CCSA Host Family Criteria guidelines? Yes ___ No ___

Does your family attend church regularly, meaning once per week minimally and would you encourage the student to attend with your family? Yes ___ No ___

Are you able and willing to provide 3 nutritious meals daily and adequate snacks and beverages to the foreign students? Yes ___ No ___

Are you willing to proceed with CCSA background check standards by submitting fingerprints to the FBI for a background check? Yes ___ No ___

Do you feel that your family embraces a Christian worldview, while supporting appreciation for cultural diversity and expression? Yes ___ No ___

Do you feel that you and your family can provide the emotional support needed for a student who is away from home for a semester or year of schooling? Yes ___ No ___

Can you provide an environment that is conducive for studying and does/will that space include a desk, comfortable chair, adequate lighting and school supplies? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be able to provide Internet access? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be able to provide a computer, monitor, and printer for the student's use? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be able and willing to provide transportation to/from a public library for the purpose of school projects, report, and other study requirements? Yes ___ No ___

Please explain why you feel that you would be the best choice for a host family:

Please list all pets that are in your family:

Photograph of the whole family: