What do we have to do to become a host family?



The first thing you need to do is to go to www.ajourneythrueducation.org and download the application on the hosting page. Once completed, email it back to hosting@ajourneythrueducation.org.

The next steps are a criminal background check, and a home visit and interview by our Local Coordinator. (LC).

We will use the information from your application and interview to help match a student to best fit your home and family. Once matched, we encourage communication with your family and the student up until you greet them at the airport. Your LC will come by to do the orientation and will meet with you and the student every month to make sure all of you are having the best experience.

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Why Becoming a Host Family Is a Wonderful Opportunity for Your Family

What can you expect to gain from opening your home to a Foreign Exchange Program?

The list is amazingly long.

It brings a sense of wonder. You learn so much about the culture of the student's home country and of course about the student as they are exploring our culture, and as they learn about your culture and lifestyle. It tends to bring your family closer together as you begin to bond with the newest addition to the family. They will truly become a member of the family, even once they leave to go back to their country, you will still have a child living overseas.

You will have help shopping, cooking and cleaning because they are a part of the family. Not a guest.

It's fun to introduce them to your hobbies and passions. To take them to amusement parks, water parks and Holiday functions.

What are the guidelines to be a Host Family?

Our Host Families can be married or single adults (25 years or older), with or without children, who can provide meals and a loving home for one or two exchange students.

The students need to have their own bedroom. They come with their own spending money. Supplying them with food and shelter and wi-fi are the main basics. We have had families take them on family vacations to wonderful destinations. Family reunions, sporting events, concerts, theme parks, etc. They truly become a favorite part of your family forever.









The students sense of wonder is incredible. They are interested in everything. When you first take them to the grocery store, it is so funny the expression on their face. It is SO much bigger than what they are usually used to. The look on their faces at Universal Studios or Disney, makes the whole trip so worth it. It doesn't have to be anything expensive either.

Getting to play sports is a big deal for them.

Many are extremely good athletes. It's so fun to watch them compete and try sports they haven't tried before.

Prom is an American ritual they have seen in many movies. So it's really fun to see them fulfill their fantasy.



