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## **INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH ORANGE COUNTY American Family Friend Application**

### **WHAT IS THE AMERICAN FAMILY FRIEND PROGRAM?**

It is a program to help you live in an unfamiliar culture. There are Americans living near the campus who would like to become friends with international students like yourself. Would you like to meet people who would invite you to their homes for dinner, take you to concerts or sporting events, or go to the beach or on picnics with you? Would you like to know someone who will help you with your problems and talk to you when you feel lonely? If the answer is yes, just fill out the attached form and someone will call you soon.

### **WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS PROGRAM?**

The International Friendship Council and the Office of International Education and Exchange at CSUF manage this program. Although the International Friendship Council assumes a great deal of responsibility for the friendship program, that is not all it does. The council, made up of community volunteers, organizes a variety of helpful services to international students. They participate in the international student orientation, provide short term home stays, organize group activities, and assist internationals in many other ways.

### **WHY DO THESE AMERICANS WANT TO HELP ME?**

The American culture has a long history of welcoming newcomers and helping them adjust to life in the United States. The volunteers simply want to be your friend. These supportive people are sensitive to cultural and religious differences and the appropriate ways to welcome new students from many different language and culture backgrounds. Although many, but not all, of the friendship volunteers are Christian, they will respect your religion and traditions. The International Friendship Council also investigates friendship volunteers to be sure you will be safe with them. If at any time you become uncomfortable in your relationship with your American friend, please immediately speak to an advisor in the International Education Office. It is their responsibility to you to resolve any possible misunderstanding.

### **I WANT AN AMERICAN FRIEND. WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Just fill out the attached application and give it to a volunteer at orientation or return it to the Office of International Education. You will be contacted by an American friend soon.



American Host Family: \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP COUNCIL American Family Friend Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female  Married  Single

Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Are you accompanied by a spouse? Yes  No

If yes, spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Birth/Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival in U.S.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

School: Cal State Fullerton  Hope International University  Fullerton College

Have you ever lived in California before? If yes, when and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years do you expect to be here? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your major: \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate or Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

With whom will you live your first semester?

Family  Friends  Homestay  Don't know yet

Do you know anybody here that will be living close by while you are attending school such as friends or relatives? \_\_\_\_\_

If any, what foods are you not able to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

What sport activities/recreation/hobbies do you like? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be paired with an American Friend? Yes, Definitely!  Maybe

Would you like to participate in monthly socials/outings with American college students?

Yes, Definitely!  Maybe

Would you like to attend occasional parties offered by the IFC (3-4 times a year)?

Yes, Definitely!  Maybe

As you get moved in to your apartment, do you need:

Furniture  Rides to pick up or purchase items   
(Someone to take you shopping)