



AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP APPLICATION

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM?

For over 25 years the International Friendship Council (IFC) has been connecting international students with American friends for the purpose of helping them adjust to the American culture. American friends may invite you into their homes, family gatherings, sporting and cultural events occasionally, enjoy mutual birthdays and holidays together, and practice a lot of English conversation with you. And of course, you as an international student are, at the same time, enriching the lives of the American friends through this relationship.

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS PROGRAM?

Established in 1988, the International Friendship Council and the International Education Offices at Cal State University of Fullerton, Fullerton College, Hope International University, and Chapman University manage this program by establishing mandatory guidelines. We seek to teach the American friendship volunteers to be respectful of your religious beliefs, dietary restrictions, and cultural traditions. IFC also follows up on the American volunteers and their international friends to ensure a happy and successful friendship is taking place. International students can at any time contact IFC or an advisor at their own Office of International Education if they have any questions or feel uncomfortable in some way. The International Friendship Council, in addition, offers many other services, such as, semester kick-off parties, group activities, transportation to many events & occasional furniture giveaways, etc.

I'M INTERESTED IN HAVING AN AMERICAN FRIEND. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

There are three options for applying for an American Friend: 1. Fill out the attached application and give it to a volunteer at orientation or return it to the International Education Office at your university. 2. Go to **www.ifcfriends.org** and fill out the **American Friends LONG Application** 3. If you are undecided or want more information use your Smart phone now or go to **www.ifcfriends.org** and fill out the **American Friends SHORT Application**.

For other questions, updated contact information or comments, email Val Easton at **info@ifcfriends.org** or she can be reached at 714-906-6192.

The International Friendship Council (IFC) is a non-profit 501c3 organization made up solely of volunteers whose purpose is to promote friendship between international students and Americans. By filling out this application and applying to participate in the IFC American Friendship Program (AFP) you understand and agree that IFC and the International Education Offices at California State University at Fullerton, Fullerton College, Hope International University and Chapman University shall not be liable for, and you agree to hold said institutions harmless from and against, any and all injury, loss, claim, damage, illness or accident, that may occur to you, to your property, or to any other person you are associated with, arising out of, or in any way related to your involvement with IFC or AFP. Your participation in the AFP is entirely voluntary and you understand in your participation in this program that you are assuming the risk of any injury, loss, damage, illness or accident that may occur to yourself, to others, or to your property. Although IFC's goal is to promote friendship between international students and Americans, the ongoing relationship is the responsibility of each party once the introduction is made by the IFC.



American Host Family: _____

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American Family Friend Application (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Date _____ Student ID# _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Best Method to Contact: Phone Email Text Other _____

Date of Birth Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Male _____ Female _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Are you accompanied by a spouse? Yes No Name: _____

Date of Arrival in the U.S.A.: _____

School: Cal State Fullerton Hope International
Fullerton College Chapman University

Have you ever lived in the USA before? If yes when, where and how long? _____

How long 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

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? _____

Which Languages do you speak? _____

Would you like to attend occasional parties offered by the IFC (2-3 times a year ?) Yes, definitely! No

Do you have a car? Yes No

Additional Comments or Questions: _____
