



## Host Family Evaluation

Dear Host Family,

Thank you very much for hosting an international student through World Exchange. We hope that you enjoyed the experience and developed a close and rewarding relationship with your student, your World Exchange program directors and the other families you met through the program. Thank you, too, for filling out and mailing in this short questionnaire: feel free to add comments wherever you can find space. If you would like a personal response from us on any matter of special concern to you, please call us at 1 800 444-3924 or enclose a note.

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Your town: \_\_\_\_\_ Your state: \_\_\_\_\_

Your student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your program director: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you enjoy your hosting experience?

EXCELLENT\_\_\_ GOOD\_\_\_ FAIR\_\_\_ POOR\_\_\_ (please check mark ✓ your responses)

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How did you hear about World Exchange? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did your family decide to host? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you suggest that we reach out more effectively to people who have no idea what this experience might offer and who might enjoy hosting?

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Do you feel that the World Exchange web site ([www.worldexchange.org](http://www.worldexchange.org)) and other World Exchange literature provided adequate information and an accurate picture of the program?

YES\_\_\_ PARTIALLY\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ DID NOT READ\_\_\_

All flights are arranged by the overseas organizations sending the students. World Exchange organizes bus transportation of students, which consumes a large portion of our budget. This often means compromises with regard to drop-off points. Keeping in mind the non-profit, low cost nature of our program, do you feel that transportation arrangements were convenient?

YES\_\_\_ SOMEWHAT\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Were you and/or participating members of your family interviewed in your home?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Did you receive your student's original application form with color photos and letter?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Did you review the Host Family Agreement with your program director?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

To your knowledge, were your references checked?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ DON'T KNOW\_\_\_

If there was time for a pre-arrival orientation meeting in your area, was it helpful?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ COULD NOT ATTEND\_\_\_ NO MEETING HELD\_\_\_

Could you suggest some ways in which the meeting might be improved?

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Did you download or receive the "Information for Host Families" packet and a calendar of events/trips?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Did your student enjoy the two day trips or overnight excursion?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ DON'T KNOW\_\_\_

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Would more scheduled daytime activities for your local group have been helpful to you?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

If you experienced a problem during the stay, do you feel that your program director and/or the World Exchange office were prompt and effective in helping to resolve it?

YES\_\_\_ SOMEWHAT\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

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Was the group leader who came with the students helpful to you in resolving any problems?

YES\_\_\_ SOMEWHAT\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

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Did your student adapt well to your family's lifestyle and household rules?

YES \_\_\_                      SOMEWHAT \_\_\_                      NO \_\_\_

Did you feel that your student was well-prepared for his/her homestay in terms of:

Understanding North American  
culture and life . . . . . YES \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Personal needs and hygiene  
(clothing, grooming, etc.) . . . . . YES \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Maturity level (able to  
benefit from experience). . . . . YES \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Emotionally ready (able to  
adapt to changes). . . . . YES \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Willing to give up smoking  
(if a smoker) at your request . . . . . YES \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

Did your student smoke after indicating that he/she was a non-smoker? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If "yes", were you    NOT UPSET \_\_\_ SOMEWHAT UPSET \_\_\_ VERY UPSET \_\_\_

What do you wish your student had known before his/her arrival that might have improved his/her/your homestay experience?

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How would you rate your student's level of English?

EXCELLENT \_\_\_    GOOD \_\_\_    FAIR \_\_\_    INADEQUATE \_\_\_

Do you feel that your student appreciated your efforts and hospitality?

YES \_\_\_                      SOMEWHAT \_\_\_                      NO \_\_\_

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We recommended that students bring adequate pocket money for admissions, fast food meals, as well as for souvenirs, gifts, and personal purchases. Did your student bring enough money?

YES \_\_\_    NO \_\_\_    NO, BUT HIS/HER PARENTS SENT EXTRA FUNDS \_\_\_

Did your student contribute financially to your family's outings?

YES \_\_\_    SOMETIMES \_\_\_    NO \_\_\_    NO, but at our insistence \_\_\_

What do you wish you had known before your student's arrival that might have improved the hosting experience for you and your family?

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Which of the activities that your family shared with your student were most successful?

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At the end of the homestay did you receive a Certificate of International Friendship?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Have you heard from your student?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Which of your expectations as a host family were met? \_\_\_\_\_

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Which of your expectations were not met? \_\_\_\_\_

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What hints and advice would you give future host families to make their hosting experience as rewarding as possible?

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On the basis of your experience, would you consider hosting a student again in the future?

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*Thank you for taking the time to help us evaluate and improve our programs.*

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