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HOST APPLICATION



## Expectations and Guidelines

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### Guidelines

1. Students and hosts will sign up on a volunteer basis after reading about the program and turning in a brief application.
2. Hosts are signing up to be paired with a student for either 1 or 2 semesters. If the student is staying for longer than 2 semesters, and both the host and student are in agreement, they may continue meeting after the 2 semesters.

### Expectations:

1. **Meeting your Host/Student.** The host will try to contact their student 1-2 times per month. Students should respond to the host's correspondence in a timely manner (within 3-4 days).
2. **What Hosts and Students Can Do Together.** Hosts are free to invite their students to join them in activities similar (but not limited) to: meals in the home or meals out, trips to local places of attraction, grocery shopping, festivals, activities or events in the community, religious celebrations or gatherings, school plays or sporting activities, holiday gatherings, etc. Students can also feel free to invite their hosts to the campus to show them around, to attend any ETSU activities, performances, outings, etc.
3. **Respect.** Hosts and students will show mutual respect for each other's country, home, family, religion and cultural background. You are welcome and encouraged to talk about these topics. When you do so, please have a posture of learning and understanding. Every host involved in this program comes from a Christian background. They may invite their student to join them in American cultural or Christian celebrations. Students can feel free to join them as they wish.

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About Home Away From Home:

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Please read the guidelines and expectations listed on the other side of this page. To apply, please fill out this application and return it to Brandon Waite, or email him the same information at [brandon@grandviewchristian.org](mailto:brandon@grandviewchristian.org).

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of children and their ages, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

The best way to contact me is by  Phone  Email

Do you have pets? If so, what kind? \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to host  1  2 student(s). (Check all that apply.)

I would prefer to host a  male  female  either student

for  1  2 semesters.

I have read the Home Away From Home guidelines and expectations and agree to participate under these conditions.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_