



## Am I a good host family candidate?

Are you over 25 years of age and do you have a:

- > Welcoming attitude
- > Desire to make a positive impact in a child's life
- > The wish to exchange cultures
- > And room for another household member?

If so, **you are the perfect candidate!**

## Who are the successful families?

Our host families come from all over the United States and represent the diversity that the country is known for. **Families with children, families without children, empty nesters, and single individuals** have all had successful hosting experiences.

## What are ISE exchange students like?

ISE exchange students **speak English**, they are **15-18-year-old** high school students **from over 40 countries around the world**. Program acceptance is based on their English skills, demeanor, adaptability, and eagerness to experience American culture.

## Are students treated like "guests"?

No, ISE exchange **students expect to live as members of your family**. They respect family rules, help with chores, and participate in family gatherings and activities.

## How long does the program last?

Programs run for **5, 10, or 12 months**. The 5-month programs can start in either August or January, the 10-month program begins in August, and the 12-month program begins in January.

## What if there is an issue or emergency?

If a problem arises, **your representative is there to help you solve it**. ISE also employs full-time support staff at our headquarters and operates a 24/7 hotline for students and families for additional assistance.

## Do families get paid for hosting?

No, all of our **host families are volunteers**. Families are eligible for a tax deduction for hosting a student. If you are looking for paid opportunities, consider becoming an Area Representative.

## What are host families responsible for?

- > A bed and a place to study
- > Three meals a day
- > A nurturing environment to learn about American culture and to share their own.

ISE exchange **students arrive with their own money** for personal expenses, social outings, and other activities. Host families are not required to provide any cash allowance.

## Who covers student's medical bills?

ISE exchange students arrive with **their own insurance**. Any costs incurred by the student for medical care is the responsibility of the student's natural parents or the student's sponsoring agency.

## Can I host more than one student?

**Yes**. Some families prefer the experience of hosting two students at a time. To host two students, the **students must come from different countries and speak different native languages**.

## How do I become a host family?

- > Get in touch with our representative (information below) or fill out an interest form on our website.
- > Next our representative will invite you to **complete our online host family application** that will help us learn more about your family lifestyle, and household.

Because the safety of our program participants is our highest priority, our host families must also pass a background check and home check.

## When is the application deadline?

**ASAP** - the earlier you apply, the more likely it is that you'll find a compatible student in your area.

## To learn more contact

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