



# COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS USA

## Host Family Application Form

CIPUSA has been hosting professional exchange programs for more than 60 years. Participants from more than 147 countries have brought a great diversity of backgrounds and experiences to the United States through our program. We are committed to extending a warm welcome to all, regardless of race, color, religion, creed, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual preference, age, or ability, and our host families are an extension of our policy of inclusivity. *Completion of this application indicates agreement with this commitment to embracing diversity across all personal identities.*

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Family Surname(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you text message? Yes  No

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Please list the names, dates of birth, occupation, and hobbies of anyone currently residing in your home:

Please describe your home (neighborhood, number of bedrooms and bathrooms). Please describe what accommodations you have available for a homestay guest. Please note, all CIPUSA homestay guests are required to have a private bedroom and access to a shared bathroom.

Are you comfortable accomodating a guest with food allergies or dietary restrictions? Yes  No

Are there any household dietary restrictions that your guest should be aware of? Yes  No

Do you have any pets? Yes  No

If yes please list the type, breed (if known) and describe the temperament of each pet.

Why do you want to be a host family?

Have you ever hosted an international visitor in your home before? Yes  No

If yes, please describe your hosting history, including the nationalities of previous guests, their ages, the duration of their stays with you, and the organization through which you welcomed your guests.

Have you ever been a homestay guest in another country before? Yes  No

If yes, please describe your experience.

How did you learn about CIPUSA (or our Affiliate offices: CIP Chicago, Colleagues International, Columbus International Program, Empower International, West Virginia Council of International Program)?

Do you, or does anyone in your household speak any foreign languages? Yes  No

If yes, please list them and your level of fluency.

Some of our international visitors do not have a good command of the English language.

Are you comfortable with hosting a guest that cannot speak English? Yes  No

What methods would you employ to communicate with a non-English-speaking guest?

Do you attend religious services regularly? Yes  No

If yes, would you feel comfortable bringing an international guest with you to those services during their stay with you?

Do you have any obligations that would interfere with hosting a guest? Yes  No

Program agendas will vary from day to day, with guests returning to their homestay homes at varying hours of the evening. Are you comfortable with your guest arriving back at your home between the hours of 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm? Yes  No

Are there any house rules about entering and leaving the house that your guest should be aware of?

Please describe any international travel you have done previously and any continued connection you have with host country nationals.

Are you comfortable with CIPUSA conducting a criminal background check on you and the members of your household? Yes  No

*(All international guests and homestay hosts must comply with a background check.)*

Homestay hosts are expected to provide most breakfasts and dinners to their guest(s) during the program. This can consist of sit-down family meals or an open invitation to your guest for them to help themselves to food available in the refrigerator / pantry.

Are you able to provide these meals to your guest? Yes  No

Most guests will travel with their own mobile devices or computers and will want to use their homestay's wifi connection during their stay. Is your home equipped with wifi internet access? Yes  No

If not, are you comfortable sharing an internet-equipped computer or other device for your guest to use during their stay? Yes  No