



4 Introduction to Your Host Family

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Candidate Name (First/Middle/Last)

Home City

Home State/Province

Home Country

Just as you are curious about your host family, they will be curious about you. Here is a chance to provide them with a feeling for who you are.

PHOTO PAGE

To help you introduce yourself to a host family, assemble a small collection of photographs showing you, your family and friends. Be creative!

Place the photos, with a short phrase to describe the photo, on a single sheet of paper (either A4 or 8 1/2 x 11 inch). Print your name and your country of origin on the Photo Page and on the back of each photo. If possible, make a color copy of this page; this will make it easier to send overseas and you can keep the original.

LETTER TO HOST FAMILY

This is your chance to tell your prospective host family about yourself in a letter. Incorporate your answers to the questions below in order to communicate who you are and your motivation for going abroad in an exchange program. Please write your letter in English, even if you submit a second letter in a second language.

Your letter should be approximately two pages long. Keep in mind that this will be the first impression your host family has of you. Therefore, type or print legibly in black ink. Please include your letter with this form. Please answer the following questions in the body of your letter.

- 1 How would your family and friends describe your personality?
- 2 How would you describe your relationship with your family and friends? For example, how are you different from your brother/sisters and/or friends? What is your role in the family? In what types of situations do you seek advice from your parents?
- 3 What are your different roles in your community (For example: school, sports, community activities)? What is important to you?
- 4 What was your motivation to apply for the YES program? What are your personal goals for the program?
- 5 What part of your daily life do you find frustrating or difficult?
- 6 Whether or not you have been successful, please describe an obstacle in your life and how you attempted to overcome this challenge.
- 7 What are your future education or career plans?
- 8 Please identify for your host family your major interests and activities and how often you pursue them. You should include various types of interests and activities such as: Intellectual (reading, museums, etc.), Athletic (name your sports), Cultural (concerts, theater, etc.), Creative (singing, painting, sewing, playing an instrument etc.) or Clubs (community, religious youth groups, etc.).