

HOST FAMILY— ** Don't forget to attach your family photo!**

WHO IS AT HOME?

Please list name, age, gender and relationship of everyone in the household

WHICH ADJECTIVES DESCRIBE YOUR FAMILY?

Active Athletic Outgoing Affectionate Intellectual
 Stay-at-home Quiet Religious Close-knit Academic

WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO DO TOGETHER?

Does anyone in your family smoke? Yes No

Do you have pets (& how many)? Dogs Cats Other _____

Has anyone in your family ever been accused of or convicted of a felony? _____
If yes, please attach letter of explanation.

FAMILY REFERENCES

Please list two references that know your family very well (adult friends or neighbors, **not relatives**). **Be sure to notify your references that we will contact them.**

1) Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____
Evening Phone (____) _____

2) Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____
Evening Phone (____) _____

FRENCH STUDENT

We would prefer Boy Girl Either Age preference _____

Student will have own room share room with _____
**STUDENT MUST HAVE A SEPARATE BED

Please rank your hosting date preferences (1-3)

(Please Note: We have many more students to place in July than in August)

July 10 - July 31 July 15 - July 31 August 2 - 23

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____



WELCOME A FRENCH STUDENT THIS SUMMER!

Hosting a French teenager is an exciting and enriching experience for the whole family. By welcoming a student as a member of your family, not just as a guest, he or she will share in all aspects of your family's daily life and activities. This creates a unique opportunity for both your family and the French student to share and learn about a new culture.

VISTAS IN EDUCATION was founded in 1976 by educators committed to expanding international understanding and friendship. Since that time, we have organized tours and family stays for American students in France and coordinated this summer host program for French students coming to the United States. VIE's programs have become increasingly well known among French teachers and American families, all of whom have contributed to the success of this unique intercultural experience.

Additional information on the Minnesota Host Program can be found on our website at www.VistasInEducation.com under "Become A Host".

WHO ARE THE FRENCH STUDENTS?

Participating French students are between the ages of 13 and 18. They have all studied English for varying lengths of time. They are selected by their teachers based on their demonstrated maturity, understanding, and a willingness to learn not only English, but also to learn about Americans and American culture. They will be prepared before the trip with orientation materials that cover common cultural differences.

WHEN CAN WE HOST?

You can welcome a French student for several weeks during July or August. The dates for the Minnesota Host Program this year are:

July 10 - July 31
July 15 - July 31
August 2 - August 23

We ask that each family indicate a first, second and third choice on the back of the Registration Form.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO HOST?

All American families are welcome to apply for this program. It is not necessary to speak French. The students who come usually have a fair level of English. We do require that you have a teenager at home, as it makes integration into the family much easier for the French student.

Most important is:

- the true desire to have a foreign student in your home
- an openness and willingness to share
- an interest in learning about other cultures
- a warm, welcoming family environment
- a commitment to friendship and international understanding

WHAT IF WE NEED ASSISTANCE?

A French chaperone will accompany the students from France and will be available during the stay to help as needed. Your VIE coordinator will be also be available at all times to help ensure a wonderful experience for all involved.

WILL OUR FRENCH STUDENT HAVE INSURANCE?

The French students have full medical and liability coverage. You will be given details and procedures before their arrival.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in sharing your home with a French teenager, please respond as soon as possible! We give priority to the early applications when matching a French student with an American student.

Complete and return the attached application form to:

VISTAS IN EDUCATION
1422 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408

For any questions, feel free to call us at 612-823-7217, or email us at vistas@vistasineducation.com

In June we will hold orientation meetings for all interested families. You will be matched as carefully as possible with a French teenager of approximately the same age and similar interests as your son or daughter. You will receive a letter of introduction, including photo and address, from your French student so that you will be able to correspond with the student before his/her arrival.

PLEASE ATTACH A FAMILY PHOTO TO YOUR APPLICATION IF POSSIBLE!

FOR VIE USE ONLY

2010 HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

PARENTS' NAMES _____

HOME PHONE (____) _____ OTHER PHONE (____) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (VIE will email you important information. Please check **daily**.)

FATHER'S OCCUPATION _____ TEL (____) _____

CELL (____) _____

MOTHER'S OCCUPATION _____ TEL (____) _____

CELL (____) _____

HOST STUDENT

Name _____ Gender _____ Birth Date _____

School _____ French Teacher _____

YOUR MAIN INTERESTS OR HOBBIES

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Favorite Music _____ Instruments you play _____

Favorite Sports _____ Artistic Activities _____

WHICH ADJECTIVES DESCRIBE YOU?

Shy Energetic Outgoing Open
 Independent Mature Talkative Quiet

WHICH ACTIVITIES DO YOU PLAN TO DO WITH YOUR FRENCH STUDENT?

Swimming Horseback riding Theater / Film
 Basketball Golf Museums
 Soccer Dance Shopping
 Cycling / Skating Boating Cooking
 Camping Tennis Computer/Video Games

If you will be working while the French Student is visiting, what do you expect your work schedule to be? _____

