



Hosting a High School Exchange Student is a Rewarding Experience!

Who can host? Families with children of any age, couples as young as age 26 up through retirement, single parents with great support systems, people who have never had children and LGBTQ families are welcome to host. We value our diverse American host families! Host families and exchange students should only share English as a common language.

What is expected of a host family? Students need a comfortable bed, three meals a day and a loving family to call their own during their stay. (Bedrooms can be shared in some circumstances) If you're involved in activities and enjoy getting out into the community, your student will benefit greatly!

When will the students arrive? Do they return home for the holidays? Students will attend your local public high school (or school of choice) and follow that calendar. We coordinate student enrollment with the school that you choose. Students sometimes arrive after school starts – but it's okay! Schools give grace to our students and they quickly catch up! They return to their home country within ten days after the school year concludes. Students do not return to their families over the holidays. They are in the U.S. to be immersed in our American culture and become a part of your family!

What about the financial aspect and vacations? Our students bring monthly funds to cover their own entertainment, sports, activities, personal care items and more. If you have a vacation planned, you are welcome to bring your student along or we can help you coordinate alternate arrangements during your absence. Health insurance is provided to exchange students so the host family assumes NO medical costs, should any arise.

Please email or call me if you have any questions! I work for ASSE International Student Exchange Programs and my family hosts, too! It's a joy for our team to get to know these interesting students and the amazing host families that volunteer!

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