



Community Rep _____

Airport City/Code _____

Host Family Application

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY)

Father's Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
Last Name First Name Middle Name M D Yr

Mother's Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____
Last Name First Name Middle Name M D Yr

Physical Address	Mailing Address
_____	_____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____	City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

e-Mail: _____

Emergency Tel: _____

Home Fax: _____

Parents are: Married Divorced Separated Widowed Single Other

Father's Occupation (Title) _____ Work Tel: _____

Mother's Occupation (Title) _____ Work Tel: _____

Children in the Family (also indicate those not living at home)

Name	Age	Sex	At Home ?
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

Are there any others living in your home other than yourself, your spouse and children?

YES NO

Please List: _____

What animals do you have in your home or on your property? _____

Does any family member have a serious or chronic illness, disability, nervous or mental disorder, or has there been major surgery for a condition which might recur? If so, please

explain. _____

School Student Will Attend:

Excelsior School

Address: 41 W Santa Clara St.
Arcadia, CA 91007

Phone: (626) 632- 6339

Fax: (626) 632-6337

Contact: Timothy Lee

School Start Date: _____ End: _____

Distance school is from home _____

How will student get to school? _____

Smoker: **Father:** Yes No
Mother: Yes No
Children: Yes No

Has anyone in your family ever been involved with drugs? If so, Please explain: _____

Religious affiliation: Please check the appropriate spaces.

Catholic Jewish Protestant None Other, please specify

Our Family attends: Regularly Occasionally Rarely

Is it important that your student accompany you? Very Important Somewhat Important but not crucial No

We Live: on a ranch in a rural area in a small city (50,000-250,000)
 on a farm in a town (5,000 – 50,000) in or near a large city (over 250,000)

Please provide a brief description of the town or city you live in: _____

Who will be the main companion(s) of your student? _____ Does this person work? _____

Who will be spending time with your student during the working hours? _____

Will your student have opportunities to meet teenagers? Yes No

How? _____

Will the student have his/her own room? Yes No (*Sharing a room is fine, but the student must have his/her own bed.*)

If no, who will the student share a room with? _____

Please briefly describe your home, including a description of the student's room _____

What household duties would you expect of your student? _____

Closest relative or friend not living with you:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Relationship _____

Family Interests and Activities: Please describe below all of your home/family activities and interests:

Do you feel you and your family can welcome your student as a family member and not a guest? _____

Do you feel you and your family can uphold all the rules of EXCELSIOR and insure that your student does so? _____

Please tell us your feelings about welcoming a student who holds other religious beliefs or one who, while of the same faith, practices different religious customs, or one who has no religious ties. _____

Can anyone in the family converse in another language? Yes No

If yes, which language and how well? _____

A few students may have dietary restrictions for health and religious reasons. Could your family host such a student?

Yes No

Please list any special comments you would like to share with a student before being placed in your home _____

Why does your family want to host a student and what do you expect to take away from the experience? _____

What is your student preference? Male Female Either

If we are unable to fulfill your preference, would you still be willing to host a student? Yes No

Would your family consider hosting two students? Yes No

Would your family also consider hosting a student in transition as a Welcome Family? Yes No

Do you know of anyone (friend, neighbor or relative) who may be interested in hosting? Yes No

If yes, Please indicate their name(s) and phone number(s) below:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Previous participation in host family programs

As a host family? Yes No Organization? _____ Year? _____

Student's Name _____ Country _____

How did you hear about EXCELSIOR?

Newspaper: Article Photo Classified section Radio Television Church

Friend School Personal contact with an exchange student Magazine (Name of publication) _____

EXCELSIOR Representative (Name) _____ Other _____

Family References:

Please supply the following required references who know your family very well. They could include friends, neighbors, employment supervisor, clergy, a teacher, or other professionals. Relatives are **NOT** accepted as references.

1. Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____

3. Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____

4. Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____



HOST FAMILY AGREEMENT

We the undersigned hereby apply to Excelsior School (EXCELSIOR) for selection as an EXCELSIOR Host Family for the purpose of hosting an international student in our home. We acknowledge that our final selection as a Host Family is not guaranteed but is contingent upon (1) EXCELSIOR's decision as to our suitability to serve as a Host Family, and (2) the written acceptance of the student by a local high school. We also understand that hosting an international student in our home is done on a strictly voluntary basis and as such, we acknowledge that we have adequate financial resources to undertake this responsibility.

Before selecting us as a Host Family, EXCELSIOR will consult with us and obtain our approval with respect to the international student whom it proposes to place with us.

If selected as a Host Family, we agree to:

1. Participate in EXCELSIOR's orientation programs for Host Families and follow EXCELSIOR's instructions and guidelines regarding the care of international students.
2. Assist in the observance and enforcement of EXCELSIOR Rules and Regulations for International Students.
3. Communicate promptly to EXCELSIOR information or change of circumstance concerning the international student or our family that may affect the well-being of the student or the success of the international experience;
4. Abide by EXCELSIOR's final decisions concerning (a) the family and school placement of international students, including the length of time they remain; (b) the application or enforcement of EXCELSIOR's Rules and Regulations for International Students; and (c) the international student's arrival and departure time from the United States.
5. Abide by regulations requiring international students not to have a joint or shared bank account with a host family member, since such a bank account is for the student's personal use.
6. Observe requirements for international students including transportation and meal plans which will be provided by the host for breakfast, lunch and dinner;
7. Otherwise cooperate with any other EXCELSIOR request or decision that in EXCELSIOR's opinion is necessary to ensure or enhance the well-being of the international student or the success of the international experience.
8. Abide by all EXCELSIOR rules and decisions, and we realize that failure to do so can cause a student to be removed from a family and returned to his/her home country.

We understand that we are obligating ourselves to care for a teenager. We understand the nature of this commitment, and will not suddenly change our minds about hosting before or after our student arrives. Should any difficulties or misunderstandings arise during the time of study, we will not simply abandon or threaten to abandon our student, and we will work with our EXCELSIOR Community Representative and other EXCELSIOR personnel as needed to resolve any difficulties. Should it become necessary for our student to move from our home, we understand that such a move will likely not be immediate as finding and qualifying a new host family is usually not a fast process.

Lastly, we hereby acknowledge that we have received and read the EXCELSIOR Program Description prior to agreeing to host an EXCELSIOR international student.

Host Father Signature

Host Mother Signature

Date



BACKGROUND CHECK AUTHORIZATION

I/We, _____ and _____,
Host Father (Print First, Middle, Last Name) Host Mother (Print First, Middle, Last Name)

by completing and signing this form below, understand that the US Department of State requires that all families interested in hosting a high school international student undergo a background check. I/We hereby authorize EXCELSIOR and /or federal law enforcement officials/agencies to conduct a background check for the purpose of our becoming eligible to be a host family for an international high school student.

Host Father's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ / _____ / _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

Host Mother's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ / _____ / _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

First, Middle and Last Name(s) of Other Adult(s), 18 years and older, living in the home: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ / _____ / _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): _____ / _____ / _____

Driver's License Number: _____ State of Issuance: _____

Has anyone in the immediate family been convicted of a felony? Yes No

Signature of Host Father: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Signature of Host Mother: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Signature of Other Adult: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

_____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Dear Host Family,

Thank you for your interest in serving as an EXCELSIOR Host Family.

We are confident that, if selected, you will find the experience as rewarding and enriching as thousands of other American families across the country have in decades past. We are confident that the student you welcome into your family will long remember this period as one of the most significant educational and cultural experiences of his or her life. For your interest in helping make this experience a reality, we thank you.

We are enclosing with this letter a Host Family Application and Agreement outlining your relationship with EXCELSIOR. We ask you to complete, sign and return this 5-page form to your EXCELSIOR Representative. Once you do so, we will begin the three steps in the student placement process: international student selection; host family selection and student matching; and school acceptance of the student's enrollment. In order for EXCELSIOR to be able to place an international student with you, all three elements must take place. We will advise you when all steps in your placement process are completed.

Once the placement is complete, EXCELSIOR will provide you with an orientation and related materials to help you anticipate and better understand the international student experience. Most of our host families find that there are few issues which arise that cannot be resolved through the application of caring, common sense and communication. However, because the student visitor does come from another culture, we find the orientation process to be helpful in assisting host families to spot and manage cross-cultural differences. In addition, the EXCELSIOR staff is always at your disposal to help ensure that your host family experience is rewarding and enjoyable.

Once again, thank you for your interest in serving as an EXCELSIOR Host Family.