



Gresham Sister City Association

Host Family Application

Sokcho South Korea

Student's Contact Information

First name:	Last name:	Preferred name:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Mailing address if different from above:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Alt Phone:	Email:

Student's Personal Information

Date of birth:	Age:	Sex:
What are your favorite hobbies and interests?:		
In a few words, why do you wish to host a student?:		
Current High School:	Grade Level:	
Favorite subjects:	Sports you are active in:	

Family Information

Mother or female guardian

Name:	Age:	Occupation:
Phone:	Email:	

Father or male guardian

Name:	Age:	Occupation:
Phone:	Email:	

Brother/Sister (please circle one)

Name:	Age:	Grade:
Brother/Sister (please circle one)		
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Brother/Sister (please circle one)		
Name:	Age:	Grade:
Brother/Sister (please circle one)		
Name:	Age:	Grade:

For additional siblings and others living in the home please write on the back of this form or attach a separate page.

Does anyone in the family smoke? Yes/ No	Who?	Inside or outside the home?
Favorite Family Activities:		
Family Pets:		

What is expected of a host family?

Each student that comes will be staying with their host family for the duration of their two week (approximately) visit. A host family should be prepared to take care of essential needs that the student will need. Essentially you will have the responsibilities of one more child in your household. Students are expected to participate in the host family's home the same as the other children. You can give them light chores to do and rules to follow.

You will need to be willing to provide a safe and friendly environment for the student to live in, making sure that the student feels welcome and part of the family with the same privileges and obligations of other family members. Think of how you would like your own child to be treated on an exchange, and use these ideas in your home.

Host families will provide the student their own bed to sleep in. If the student needs to share a room with another child, that is acceptable, as long as they are of the same sex and approximate age. It is best to try to have the student live as closely as you normally do in your home. Please introduce them to family outside the home, friends, neighbors, and groups the family regularly interact with.

Host families should explain their rules to their student upon arrival to make sure there will be no problems in understanding and following the rules. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of Sister City of Gresham if you are having behavioral issues, extreme homesickness, illness or difficulty adapting to your home life.

Help the student explore as much of our culture as you see fit. Also, encourage your student to share his/her culture with your family. You might even suggest if the student is comfortable with it to help cook a meal.

How long will the student be living with my family?

You will expect the student to live with you for their entire visit. This will be for approximately two weeks.

Are host families paid?

No, we do not pay host families. This is a great cultural opportunity for your family. The students will be bringing money with them for activities outside the home, you may pay for these or have the student pay, they are prepared for either way.

What rules are exchange students expected to follow?

Students are expected to:

- Learn and follow the host family's rules.
- Follow local laws.
- No illegal drug use or alcohol consumption (even if they feel it is culturally acceptable).
- Not drive a motorized vehicle.

What challenges might the student experience during the exchange?

- Homesickness
- Language difficulty
- Difficulty interpreting culture-specific social cues
- Host-family conflicts
- Different rules and expectations from their home
- Various emotional difficulties

If you experience any of these problems and are unable to resolve them on your own a member of Sister City of Gresham can help.

If you have any further questions on what to expect as a host family please feel free to contact

Dashia Chasteen 503.328.9999 or HJ Yu 503.780.3913

The _____ family, have completed the application honestly and to the best of our ability and have read the information provided and agree that hosting a student is within our abilities.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Father/Male Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mother/Female Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____