

# FLEX Host Family Application 2013-2014

## Welcome!

Thank you for applying to be a host family for the US Department of State's Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program, administered by World Learning!

Hosting a FLEX student is a wonderful opportunity to expose your family to a new culture and open your home to a promising young leader that has been selected through a highly competitive vetting process based on their academic excellence, outstanding character, and English language abilities. All students come from Eurasian countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine) and are between 15-17 years old.

This application will take about 10-15 minutes. Please contact our FLEX head office at [deanna.wertheimer@worldlearning.org](mailto:deanna.wertheimer@worldlearning.org) if you are having problems with the online application.

### \*1. Please select your nearest community and corresponding local organization.

- Chicago, IL - Center for International Programs Chicago (CIP Chicago)
- Albany, NY - International Center of the Capital Region (ICCR)
- Kalamazoo, MI - Colleagues International
- Washington DC - Tomorrow's Teaching
- Huntsville, AL - International Services Council of Alabama (ISC Alabama)
- Bozeman, MT - Montana Center for International Visitors (MCIV)

### \*2. Parent 1 Information

Parent Name (First Middle Last):	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	<input type="text"/>
Age:	<input type="text"/>
Sex:	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth (City and State/Country):	<input type="text"/>
Country of Citizenship:	<input type="text"/>
Cell Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Personal Email:	<input type="text"/>

### \*3. Parent 1 Employer Information

Name of Employer:	<input type="text"/>
Work Address:	<input type="text"/>
Job Title:	<input type="text"/>
Work Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Work Email:	<input type="text"/>

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## \*4. Parent 2 Information

Parent Name (First Middle Last):

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):

Age:

Sex:

Place of Birth (City and State/Country):

Country of Citizenship:

Cell Phone:

Personal Email:

## \*5. Parent 2 Employer Information

Name of Employer:

Work Address:

Job Title:

Work Phone:

Work Email:

## \*6. Household Information:

Permanent Address: Street Address

Permanent Address: City, State, ZIP

Home Phone:

**\*7. Please list all persons living in the household, including yourself in the list, starting with the oldest member of the household first.**

### Full Name, Age, Date of Birth, Relationship to you

1.	<input type="text"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>
5.	<input type="text"/>
6.	<input type="text"/>
7.	<input type="text"/>
8.	<input type="text"/>

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## \*8. How did you first hear about the FLEX program?

- Don't remember
- Newsletter or outreach from local organization
- Newsletter or outreach from school
- Information table at school
- Referral from a friend or contact
- Announcement at my place of worship
- World Learning outreach (Facebook, newsletter, FLEX blog)
- Physical poster or announcement at a local business

Other (please specify)

## \*9. Why do you and your family wish to participate in this exchange program as hosts? (Select all that apply)

- Give our children a chance to experience the world without leaving the country
- Personal interest in country or region
- Internationalize our school or community
- Learn about another culture
- Teach a young person about the US
- Influence our children to study abroad when they are older
- I or my partner lived with a host family abroad and want to do the same for another young person
- I or my partner had a host sibling when we were younger and want the same experience for our children
- Want our child (or children) to have a sibling
- It sounds interesting. Why not?
- Other (please specify)

## \*10. Indicate any foreign language background of you and your family members. Note: Knowledge of foreign language is not required to be a host.

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**\* 11. Has anyone in your family ever lived, studied, or traveled abroad? If so, please describe.**

**\* 12. Please describe your family's interests or hobbies, including the hobbies and interests of your children (if applicable).**

**\* 13. What are your favorite activities to engage in as a family?**

**\* 14. How many times has your family hosted an exchange student?**

- We have never hosted before
- Once
- Twice
- Three times
- Four or more times

If you have previously hosted, please list each instance and include length of time and the organization(s) with whom you worked.

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## \*15. Has an exchange student ever been removed from your home?

- Yes, s/he was voluntarily removed
- Yes, s/he was involuntarily removed
- No
- N/A

If yes, please describe the reason(s) for removal.

## \*16. Will you have children enrolled in a local high school?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

If yes, please name the high school your children will attend.

## \*17. If you have a choice of high school in your city or district, which high school would you like your FLEX student to attend?

**Note: We cannot guarantee that the FLEX student will be able to enroll in your school of choice.**

First choice:

Second choice:

Third choice:

## 18. Would the exchange student share his/her bedroom with a host sibling?

**Note: The student may share the room with no more than one other person of the same gender and within a reasonable age range.**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please name the person with whom they would share the room.

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**\*19. What is the primary transportation method the exchange student would use to get to/from school activities?**

**Note: FLEX students are not allowed to drive during their program in the US.**

- Family member would drive the student
- Carpool
- Public transportation
- School bus
- Walking

Other (please specify)

**\*20. Do any members of the household smoke?**

- Yes, outside only
- Yes, both outside and inside
- No

**\*21. Do you have guns in your home?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe how the guns are stored and any safety measures you take in using and storing the guns.

**\*22. Do you have any pets in your home?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe your pet(s) including type, weight, and the family expectations around their indoor and outdoor living habits.

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**\*23. Please choose the following characteristics you would like your exchange student to have. You have the option to choose 'no preference' in each category.**

	Gender	Country of origin	Lifestyle	Diet
My ideal exchange student is...	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If you are interested in hosting a specific student, please enter his or her name here.

**\*24. Do you have any other specific preferences we should consider when making placement decisions?**

**Note: World Learning cannot guarantee fulfillment of all requests.**

**\*25. Please state, in order of preference, two airports where you would suggest your FLEX student arrive.**

**Note: We cannot guarantee the airport to which your student arrives will be your first choice.**

Airport 1 (First choice):

Airport 2 (Second choice):

**\*26. We are proud that the State Department places an emphasis on the recruitment and selection of FLEX finalists with disabilities. Since 1992, approximately 300 FLEX students with a variety of vision, hearing, and motor disabilities have participated on the program. World Learning has additional funding to support accommodations for these students.**

**Please address the following:**

	Yes	No	Not at this time	Would like more information
I am interested in hosting a student with disabilities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**\*27. Please list two personal references not affiliated with the FLEX Local Coordinator or related by blood or marriage to your family.**

## Reference 1

Name (Last, First, Middle):

Permanent Address (#, Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Relationship to you:

## \*28. Reference 2

Name (Last, First, Middle):

Permanent Address (#, Street, City, State, Zip Code):

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Relationship to you:

**\*29. Please indicate your combined annual household income.**

**Note: The income data collected will be used solely for the purposes of determining that the basic needs of the exchange student can be met, including three quality meals per day and transportation to and from school activities.**

- |                                           |                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> <\$29,000           | <input type="radio"/> \$160,000-\$199,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$30,000-\$49,000   | <input type="radio"/> \$200,000-\$269,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$50,000-\$79,000   | <input type="radio"/> \$270,000-\$349,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$80,000-\$99,000   | <input type="radio"/> \$350,000-\$409,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$100,000-\$129,000 | <input type="radio"/> \$410,000-\$499,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> \$130,000-\$159,000 | <input type="radio"/> >\$500,000          |

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**30. Please describe any violations or issues that we may find through reference checks or in the required criminal background checks for household members.**

**Note: Having violations on your record does not automatically exclude you from hosting. We may need to ask follow-up questions depending on the severity and amount of time that has passed since the violation.**

**31. Please select any other affiliations you or your family members have with World Learning.**

- This is my first time working with World Learning
- Experiment in International Living
- SIT Study Abroad
- SIT Graduate Institute
- Hospitality Host or Host Family for another World Learning program (Community Connections, International Visitor Leadership Program, Youth Ambassador Program, etc.)
- Not Sure
- Other (please specify)

## **\*32. APPLICANT E-SIGNATURE**

**I agree that all of the information in this application is true and that if chosen to participate, I will abide by the FLEX Host Family Guidelines. Moreover, I and any household members over the age of 18 (or that turn 18 during the academic year) agree to undergo a Criminal Background Check as required by the program.**

Parent 1 Name:

Date:

Parent 2 Name:

Date:

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**33. Congratulations on taking the first step to host a FLEX student! Your Local Coordinator will be in touch with you to follow up with additional information and to set up an interview in your home. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to write them in the space below.**

**We also invite you to visit our FLEX Host Family Page to meet our 2013-14 students:  
<http://blogs.worldlearning.org/flex/hosting-flex-students/meet-our-flex-students/>**

**Thank you!**