



Does anyone in your family smoke? Yes No

Would you permit a student to smoke in your home? Yes No | ...outside your home? Yes No

Has your family hosted before? Yes No → If yes, please indicate when and with what organization: _____

_____ Religious affiliation (if any): _____ (specify) How often does your family attend services? _____

YFU appreciates your filling in the information below. It is for statistical use only and will not be used by YFU in making Host Family selection.

Parents' Ages: Father: 18-24 25-34 35-49 50-64 Over 64

Mother: 18-24 25-34 35-49 50-64 Over 64

Education Levels: Father: Secondary School or Less University Graduate/Professional Technical

Mother: Secondary School or Less University Graduate/Professional Technical

Community Population: Urban (over 50,000) Suburban (15,000-50,000) Small Town (2,500-15,000)

Rural (less than 2,500) How long have you lived there? _____

School Information

Which school system do your tax dollars support? Public Separate

Local Secondary School Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Province) (Postal Code)

Phone Number: () _____ Fax Number: () _____

Other Information

How did you hear about YFU? _____

Name of nearest airport to your home (with scheduled commercial services): _____

Please indicate your hosting preferences (if any) : Female Male Either | Countries: _____

Signature (s) of Applicant (s): _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Please let us know of friends or family who may be interested in receiving information on YFU programs:

Name	Address	Telephone	Relation

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HOST FAMILY REFERENCE / EMERGENCY CONTACT

Reference:

Please list two references who have known your family for at least three years and whom we may contact.

Name	_____	Name	_____
Address	_____	Address	_____
	_____		_____
Phone #	_____	Phone #	_____
Email	_____	Email	_____

Disclosure:

For any "yes" response please explain the circumstances on the reverse side.

Do you or any family members, to your knowledge have:

- a) an arrest or conviction record? Yes No
- b) a complaint filed with an agency concerning child neglect or abuse? Yes No
- c) currently use illegal substances or have a drug/alcohol problem? Yes No

Have any of the following events occurred within the last six months:

- a) divorce or re-marriage? Yes No
- b) death of a spouse or child? Yes No
- c) parent or child diagnosed with a serious illness? Yes No

Details: _____

Emergency Contact:

Who may we contact in an emergency when we are unable to reach a family member?

Name	_____	Relationship	_____
Address	_____	City	_____
Province	_____	Postal Code	_____
Home Phone	_____	Work Phone	_____
Email	_____	Fax Number	_____

Attestations:

The information provided to YFU Canada through our application, interview and the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

We understand and accept that YFU Canada, in making its host family selections and student placements, does not discriminate in the basis of race, national origin, religion or sex.

SIGNATURE (S) _____ Date _____



YFU CANADA / HOST FAMILY AGREEMENT

Our family has volunteered to host a student with Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange, so that, by sharing our lives with an international visitor, we may gain exposure to new ideas and perspectives and promote international friendships.

If selected to host a YFU Student:

1. We will welcome our YFU Student as a member of our family and assist our student's adaptation to our family as well as to Canadian life and culture.
2. We will provide a home environment for our YFU Student, to include a bed, study area, and three meals per day.
3. We will help our YFU Student meet other Canadians through introductions to friends, neighbors and classmates. Also by encouraging our student to join clubs or pursue activities.
4. We will help arrange necessary transportation for our YFU Student, by driving the student or by providing access to a bicycle, a bus, through rides with friends, etc.
5. We will help our YFU Student to become familiar with our community and its resources (e.g., interesting sights, location of and how to use the library, location and type of recreation facilities, location and layout of school building, shopping areas).
6. We will not allow nor encourage our YFU Student to violate YFU Policies (see reverse), or the law and will immediately report any such violation to our YFU Area Volunteer.
7. We will read the *YFU Host Family Handbook* to prepare our family for the arrival of our YFU Student.
8. We will attend and facilitate the attendance of our YFU Student at YFU Canada's required orientation programs.
9. We will expect contact from our YFU Area Volunteer Representative.
10. We will work with our student to solve problems and to resolve difficulties and misunderstandings. If these remain unresolved, we will contact our YFU area volunteer. We will also contact that person if issues arise in our family's and/or student's adjustment, in our student's school performance, or if our family must withdraw from the program at any point after a student placement is confirmed for us.

We have read and understood the above guidelines / policies on back and agree to follow them throughout our participation as a YFU Host Family.

Host Mother Signature _____ Date _____

Host Father Signature _____ Date _____

Family Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____



POLICIES

YFU must have certain policies to be consistent, fair and protective of all its participants. The following policies provide a framework for the Youth For Understanding (YFU) participant support system. This support system includes the host family and host community, the exchanging YFU Organizations and the natural family. Procedures to implement these policies will vary from country to country because of cultural differences, and each YFU national office determines specific procedures for students being hosted in their country. Please see the *Host Family Handbook* for further reference.

Dangerous Activities

YFU Canada may withhold authorization for any activity if it is considered hazardous and unacceptable for the student to participate. The following activities are strictly not permitted: hang gliding, hitchhiking, parachute jumping, piloting a private plane and driving a car or motorcycle. The national or regional directors may permit some activities judged to involve an element of danger or a range of danger (i.e., hunting, snowmobiling) provided that permission is given by both natural parents (in writing) and the host parents to authorize the student to participate. This permission must satisfy the national YFU office in the hosting country and must release YFU and the host family from all responsibility during the time the student is involved in that activity. Further, it will be the responsibility of the student and natural parents alone to obtain additional insurance if necessary.

Driving

Exchange students are not permitted to drive cars or motorcycles. This policy applies even if the student has an International Driver's License or the host family thinks that the student is a responsible and careful driver. Violators of this policy will be considered for Early Return. Permission to use farm equipment, trail bikes and mopeds is different in each country and the decision is left to the hosting national office. If the hosting national office allows the student to use one of the above vehicles, the student is expected to take safety precautions and obey the laws.

Employment

In Canada, participants on the YFU program are not permitted to take full-time or part-time employment during their stay. They are not permitted to obtain work permits in order to secure jobs. However, they may hold informal part-time jobs, such as babysitting, grass cutting, snow shoveling, yard clean-up, etc.,

as long as it does not interfere with school.

Marriage

Married students are not permitted on the YFU program. If a student marries while he or she is a YFU participant or is discovered to have married prior to becoming a YFU participant, the student will be considered for Early Return (or going off program when applicable).

Pregnancy

For medical reasons, placement and personal considerations, female students found to be pregnant while on the YFU program will normally be returned home immediately after the notification of the natural parents. Individual circumstances may justify exceptions to this policy; however, all students will be considered for Early Return.

Male YFU students who cause pregnancies while on program will be subject to the same policy as females.

School

Attendance: All YFU Students on the year or semester program are expected to regularly attend a secondary school and each host country is encouraged to see that a normal course of schoolwork is maintained. Repeated non-attendance will result in consideration for Early Return.

Performance: Allowing for an initial period of linguistic and/or academic adjustment, a student is expected to achieve an adequate school academic record. Within a reasonable period of time, poor motivation, underachievement (e.g., failing grades) or inappropriate behavior, in combination with poor adjustment in general, may be cause for Early Return consideration.

Formal Expulsion: If a student is expelled from school, the student will be considered for Early Return.

Student Travel

YFU has a responsibility to assure student safety to the greatest extent possible; have knowledge of a student's location; and ensure that students participate in host family activities and school programs. Any travel, which might have an impact on any of these factors, should require special authorization from YFU. Each national office will have specific travel approval procedures. The national office in the host country has the final say in approving travel. Unauthorized travel may be cause for Early Return.

Violations of the law

The nature and seriousness of the offense will determine procedure and possible outcome. Criminal prosecution, drugs, alcohol, theft or shoplifting may be cause for Early Return.

Contact from Natural Family, Home Country Friends

Natural families and home country friends are strongly discouraged from visiting the exchange student during the program year, especially during the initial adjustment period. The interruption breaks the continuity of the student's relationship with the host family and may lessen the exchange experience for the student and the host family. This break sometimes leads to adjustment difficulties so serious that YFU may consider Early Return of the student to his or her home country. Natural families who consider such visits must contact their national or regional YFU office before any arrangements are made. Host families must not be expected to accommodate visiting family members or friends with regard to room, meals or transportation.

Alcohol

Students are required to observe all laws of their host country with regard to the minimum drinking age. Students are also expected to follow host family guidelines



on the use of alcohol. YFU students should not use alcohol in a manner that is excessive, unsuitable or embarrassing to the host family or YFU. A student will be considered for Early Return if he or she demonstrates an inability to control his or her use of alcohol.

Drugs

YFU students may not buy, sell, possess, or use drugs that are illegal in their home or host country. Violators of this policy will be considered for Early Return. A verified violation normally includes physical evidence, student admission of usage or reliable witnesses who have seen the student with or using drugs.

Early Return

Voluntary Early Return: When a student wants to return home early and the natural parents agree with this decision.

Involuntary Early Return: When the host YFU country decides, based on stated guidelines, including consultation, that a student should be removed from the YFU program and returned home to his or her home country.

Student Expenses

Students are responsible for such expense as school laboratory fees (in a few countries, some school expenses are included in the program fee), transportation and books; trips or expenses during trips; telephone calls or other personal expenses. They are also responsible for any property damage they cause. Students are not responsible for meals and lodging.

Off Program

If a student is absent without permission for the host family or other place to which YFU has assigned him or her, YFU may determine that this student has removed him or herself from the YFU program. In this case, YFU is released from all obligations, legal and otherwise, to the student and his or her natural parents or guardians for his or her current or further well being. In most countries, the validity of the student's visa is linked to being on program. Therefore the visa is no longer valid if the student chooses to go off program. YFU will, if possible, work with the student to again accept YFU supervision. However, if this cannot be done, the separation from the YFU program is final. The student will then

lose YFU support and his or her ticket to the home country where applicable.

Extension of Stay

YFU will not grant extension of stay, unless there is demonstrated evidence of medical or special emergency requiring such an extension. YFU responsibility ends with the return flight to which the student has been assigned. If a student extends his/her stay, he/she will be considered off program.

Medical Treatment/Emergencies of a Student

All YFU students must have insurance coverage for illness, medical emergencies and hospitalization, which is acceptable to the hosting YFU country. YFU, its representatives and its host families are not responsible for any student medical bills regardless of who signs a hospital admission form. They also are not responsible for any negative results of emergency and/or other medical treatment.

Confidentiality

Due to the realities of a program such as YFU, confidential information must often be shared to resolve difficulties or facilitate understanding. All YFU staff and volunteers, including professional counselors, should refrain from promises of confidentiality, advising participants of the limitations of confidentiality within our organization. However, all YFU participants have the right to expect that YFU will share confidential information conservatively.

Counselling Sessions: Information shared with a YFU counsellor or in a comparable situation is shared only on a need-to-know basis. Resulting reports are written to assist staff in problem identification and problem solving. These reports are not to be given to non-staff or anyone outside of the organization (without the consent of the writer of the report). Counseling reports are sent to the partner national office, but are not given to natural parents.

Caution: Laws in the sending or in the receiving country may require YFU to release such reports.

Student/Host Family's Personal Belongings: The student's right to privacy must be respected. YFU considers it unethical

to examine and/or confiscate a student's personal belongings (e.g., mail, diary, etc.) The student must respect the same rules regarding host family belongings. No representative of YFU has the legal right to withhold from the student any legal personal possession such as a passport, visa form, or driver's license. However, in some situations, YFU does have the right to demand, as a condition for remaining on program, that a student agrees to destroy or turn over the item.

Student's/Host Family's Address, Telephone Number, Status on Program: YFU prohibits any release of such information to non-YFU persons regarding a student or host family without the latter's permission (or that of the natural parent in the case of a student).