

GCS HOST FAMILY CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please Complete IN FULL & Print Legibly)



Host Family Name: _____ Date Completed: _____

Provide the following information for each individual living in your household, including yourself:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u> <i>(if student)</i>	<u>School</u> <i>(if student)</i>	<u>Place of Work</u> <i>(if any)</i>

Answer the following as fully and clearly as possible:

1. What is the reason that you would like to host an international student?

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2. a. Has the possibility of hosting a student been discussed with each member of your family? **YES NO**

If yes, do they all understand the commitment that is being made? **YES NO**

If no, explain: _____

b. Are each in agreement of the decision and ready to provide support where they are able? **YES NO**

If no, explain how this will be overcome: _____

3. a. What church do you attend? _____

b. How often do you attend church? *(circle the one that applies)*

Once Weekly

Twice Weekly

More than Twice Weekly

Once or Twice/Month

Holidays Only

Never

c. Do any of you volunteer at your church on a regular basis? **YES NO**

If yes, provide details, including who, position/duties, how often: _____

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4. Describe the activities that your family regularly participate in together: _____

5. Select each of the recreational activities listed below that you and/or your family members would enjoy doing with a hosted student, or at least be willing to do with them:

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama/Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billiards/Pocket Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing/Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing/Needlework |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance: Ballet | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies (<i>Cinematic</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance: Modern/Jazz | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums/Galleries | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance: Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Classical | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching Spots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cards | <i>(Ballroom/Swing)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Music: Contemporary | <input type="checkbox"/> Watching Television |

6. Does anyone in your family play a musical instrument? **YES** **NO**

If yes, list who plays and what instrument they play: _____

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7. a. Do you expect your children (*if any*) to perform household chores on a regular basis? **YES** **NO**

b. Will you expect a hosted student to perform household chores on a regular basis? **YES** **NO**

If yes, what will your expectations for them be? _____

If no, why not? _____

8. Does anyone in your family speak a language other than English? **YES** **NO**

If yes, provide details: _____

9. a. What do you think will be the biggest challenges of opening your home to an international student?

b. How will you handle these challenges? _____

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10. How do you believe you will handle discipline issues with a hosted student? _____

11. Will you encourage and support a hosted student to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities through the school, understanding that it will require extra time on your part, including providing transportation and attending the various events? **YES** **NO**

If no, explain why not: _____

12. Do you have pets? **YES** **NO**

<u>Type of Pet</u>	<u>Age of Pet</u>	<u>Stays Inside/Outside</u>	<u>Friendly/Requires Caution</u> <i>(give details if Caution is required)</i>

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13. Does anyone in your household smoke? **YES** **NO**

If yes, do they smoke inside or outside the house/car, etc? Give specifics: _____

14. Are there any dietary considerations, or unusual eating habits, that need to be known in placing a student in your home? **YES** **NO**

If yes, provide details (*i.e. the family is strictly vegetarian, everyone is lactose intolerant, you eat only fish, never eat pizza, sweets aren't allowed in the house, etc*): _____

15. Does anyone in the household have any physical or mental handicaps that could be of a concern to a hosted student? **YES** **NO**

If yes, provide details: _____

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16. a. Do you understand that here will be many cultural differences that will arise and will need to be worked through together? **YES** **NO**

b. Are you all willing to work through the cultural differences in a kind and loving manner with the hosted student, seeking the assistance of school administration when necessary? **YES** **NO**

17. Prior to a student being placed with your family and for the safety and protection of all involved, a background check will be required on each individual living in your home over the age of 18. Do you agree to provide the information necessary for the reports to be run? **YES** **NO**

If yes, provide the required information for yourselves and anyone else 18 years or older on page 10-11 of this questionnaire.

18. What else should we know about you and your family that has not already been discussed above?

19. Do you understand and agree that a hosted student will remain in your home for the entire school year, unless there are issues that cannot be resolved after a period of 30 days, once you have notified school administration of any such issues? **YES** **NO**

20. Do you agree to abide by all the guidelines and expectations set forth by GCS for a Host Family? **YES** **NO**

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21. Home Information

a. List your full house address here:

b. Provide **photos** of your home, including the following: outside, living area, kitchen/dining area, bathroom, student's bedroom. It would also be nice to have a photo of your family, including pets, if any.

22. Contact Information

Home Phone #: _____

Father's Mobile #: _____ Father's Work #: _____

Father's Email Address: _____

Mother's Mobile #: _____ Mother's Work #: _____

Mother's Email Address: _____

23. Provide 3 personal character references for both host parents in the spaces below. References should be qualified to provide insight on your family and/or spiritual life. You are encouraged to include your church pastor as one of the references.

Personal References for Host Father

Do not list family members/relatives as references.

	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____



Personal References for Host Mother

Do not list family members/relatives as references.

	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Certification & Authorizations

I hereby certify that the facts stated in this questionnaire are true and complete.

I authorize Grandview Christian School to contact the references which I have listed for the purposes of assisting in the determination as to whether or not our family would make a suitable Host Family for the school's International Student Program.

I authorize the listed references to disclose to the school any and all information related to my life, without giving me prior notice of such disclosure. In addition, I hereby release the school and the listed references, from any and all claims, demands, or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such investigation or disclosure. I waive the right to ever personally view any references given to the school.

Since students will be placed in my care, I understand that I must submit to a background check including information from federal and state authorities. I authorize the school to conduct a criminal record check. I understand and agree that any placement of a student with our family is conditioned upon the receipt of background information, including criminal background information. The school may refuse placement of a student in our home, or terminate us from the International Host Program, if the school deems any background information unfavorable or that it could reflect adversely on the school or on me as a Christian role model.

I understand that this is only a request to be considered for the International Host Program and no student placement is being offered at this time.

I agree that a photocopy or facsimile copy of this document and any signature shall be considered for all purposes as the original signed release on file.

I certify that I have carefully read and do understand the above statements.

Host Father's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Host Mother's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Background Check Data *(must be provided for all individuals, ages 18 and over, in the household)*

Host Father:

Full Legal Name: _____

Other Last Names: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Licensed: _____

Previous Address *(if less than 5 years at current address)*: _____

Host Mother:

Full Legal Name: _____

Other Last Names *(i.e. Maiden)*: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Licensed: _____

Previous Address *(if less than 5 years at current address)*: _____

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Background Check Data Cont'd *(must be provided for all individuals, ages 18 and over, in the household)*

Other Individual Living in Home *(age 18 & over)*:

Full Legal Name: _____

Other Last Names *(i.e. Maiden)*: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License #: _____ State Licensed: _____

Previous Address *(if less than 5 years at current address)*: _____

Since I am over the age of 18, and understand that students in the International Student Program may be placed in the home where I reside, I authorize Grandview Christian School to conduct a full background check on me, including criminal record information from federal and state authorities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Make additional copies of this Background Check page as necessary