

Host Family Interview Form



Association for Teen-Age
Diplomats

INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEWER: The interview should serve several purposes. First and most important, we are asking you to make an assessment as to whether this would be a good family to host an ATAD International Student. Second, we are hoping to gain the information necessary to make a successful placement, if this family is accepted. As you talk with the family, think about what kind of student will be comfortable with them, and vice versa. Do they need a quiet, sheltered student? One who lives and breathes sports? One who needs an intellectual environment? Last, and very important, during the interview a family can begin to think about what it will mean to have a student live with them. Many of the questions will help facilitate this process, and enable the family to think of questions they may wish to ask you. Please evaluate the family as fully and thoughtfully as you can. If a family member is away from the home (e.g. at summer camp or on a trip) at the time of the interview, the interviewer can contact him or her at a later time, and document that contact.

Host Father: _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

Host Mother: _____
Last Name First Name M.I.

Address: _____
Number and Street City State Zip

Home Phone Number: (____) _____ Cell Phone Number:
(____) _____

Email Address: _____

Why does this family want to host a student? _____

How does each member of the family feel about participating in the ATAD program?

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Children: _____

Others in the Home: _____

What rules do they have for their children, or would they have for an exchange student regarding dating, curfew, household chores, etc.? _____

What are the consequences if these rules are broken? _____

What is the importance of academics in this family, and how do they handle it if their child is having difficulty in school? _____

In what specific ways would this family handle a student who was used to more (or less) personal independence than their own children? _____

Have they dealt with problems of sibling rivalry before? When and how? What happens when their own children fight with each other? _____

Could this family host a student with special needs (e.g. vegetarian, physically handicapped, allergic, diabetic, etc.)? Explain as appropriate: _____

Does the family expect the student to attend religious services with them? Please comment on the extent of the family's involvement in their religion, and their flexibility in this regard.

Have any of the following events happened in the last 12 months:

divorce or remarriage

death of spouse, child, or household member

parent, child, or household member diagnosed with a serious illness

If yes, please describe the circumstances and how the family is dealing with the situation:

How neat and clean is the house? _____

How important is neatness to this family? _____

Describe the neighborhood: _____

EVALUATION:

Circle the adjectives that best describe the HOST FATHER:

calm tense outgoing reserved friendly sense of humor affectionate
flexible regimented businesslike studious overworked communicative matter-of-fact
brusque independent respectful insecure
Add any other adjectives you feel apply: _____

Circle the adjectives that best describe the HOST MOTHER:

calm tense outgoing reserved friendly sense of humor affectionate
flexible regimented businesslike studious overworked communicative matter-of-fact
brusque independent respectful insecure
Add any other adjectives you feel apply: _____

Circle the adjectives that best describe the PRIMARY HOST SIBLING:

calm tense outgoing reserved friendly sense of humor athletic
flexible regimented independent studious overworked matter-of-fact communicative
brusque respectful insecure
Add any other adjectives you feel apply: _____

Circle the adjectives that apply to this FAMILY:

close knit outgoing formal shy socially active sophisticated
reserved deeply religious musical artistic strict lenient
athletic very busy hard-working down-home
Add any other adjectives you feel apply: _____

Does anyone who resides in the home who is 18 or older have a criminal record based on the criminal background check? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, who is it, what is the offense, and when did it occur?

If yes, will the family be an acceptable Host Family? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, please explain:

Does the family appear to be financially capable of hosting and exchange student? Yes ____ No ____

What is your subjective reaction to this family, and your feeling about what kind of student (if any) would be comfortable with them? What hesitations do you have, or do they have?

Signature of Interviewer: _____

Date of Interview: _____