



# 2010 Ohio 4-H Host Family Application



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HOST FAMILY INFORMATION			(FOR 4-H OFFICE USE ONLY)	
FAMILY LAST NAME			ORGANIZATION	
STREET ADDRESS			NAME	
CITY	OHIO	ZIP:	ID CODE	
COUNTY:	FAX: ( )		GENDER	AGE
HOME PHONE ( )	YOUTH CELL: ( )		YOUTH EMAIL:	
FATHER'S NAME:		FATHER CELL PHONE:	OCCUPATION:	BIRTHDATE:
FATHER'S EMAIL:		( )		
MOTHER'S NAME:		MOTHER CELL PHONE:	OCCUPATION:	BIRTHDATE:
MOTHER'S EMAIL:		( )		

OTHERS IN HOME (If applying to host a Month-long Youth, place an "X" to the left of the sibling who will be hosting the exchange.)

"X"	NAME	GENDER	BIRTHDATE (M/D/Y)	GRADE	AGE as of 8/30/10	HOBBIES / INTERESTS / PERSONALITY TRAITS

Location of Home: City Small Town Rural Non-farm Farm (# acres \_\_\_\_\_) Suburb Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do any adults in the home serve as 4-H Advisors?  Mother  Father  Other Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your family involved in 4-H? (not required) Yes No Type of Crops: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Animals: \_\_\_\_\_ Domestic Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any inside animals? Yes No If yes, what animals?: \_\_\_\_\_

Population of Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a piano in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ (This question helps us with matching)

Family Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Check boxes which apply:  Smoking household  Non-smoking household  Smoking forbidden in our house  
 Single family house  Mobile home  Apartment  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

If both parents work outside the home, who will assume responsibility when both parents are away? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain ALL health concerns (physical, psychological) in the family. (For information of exchangee only) \_\_\_\_\_

Would your exchangee be expected to attend church with you? Yes No Religion: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to accommodate an exchange with a special diet (vegetarian, no dairy, etc.)? Yes No

Foreign Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your family hosted an exchangee before? Yes No

If "yes," Program Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): : \_\_\_\_\_

Country(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Length of stay(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you want to host?** \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERENCES FOR EXCHANGEES (Please check ALL of the types of exchangees your family would be able to host)

If our first choice is unavailable, we will accept a different age:  Yes  NO a different gender:  Yes  NO

\_\_\_\_\_ We know a specific exchangee we would like to host. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Japanese Youth** (ages 12-18) for **1 Month** (July 23 to August 18)  Male  Female  Either Age Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must have your own child of same gender and approximate age.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Japanese Older Teen or Adult Chaperone** (ages 19-60) for **2 Weeks or 1 Month** in late July or August  
Gender Preference:  Male  Female  Either  
Date Preference:  July 23 - August 5  August 5-18  Either  Both (July 23 – August 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Costa Rica Youth** (age 15-18) for **1 Month** (June 20 to July 17)  Male  Female  Either Age Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Very limited number available. Must have your own child of same gender and approximate age. Please check (rank order) above if willing to host a Japanese youth if you are not matched with a Costa Rican youth.)

**WE UNDERSTAND/CONFIRM ~ Parent(s) and main Host Sibling MUST initial each Item.**

**Parent(s) and Main Host Brother/Sister MUST Initial Each Item. Thank You.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Host Family applicants will receive notification of selection as soon as possible by the State Coordinator (usually late April). Selection is based on references, application, home interview(s), ability to closely match exchangees and families, and background checks (for those who did not host last year or are not current 4-H advisors). Families will be sent information about whether or not they need background checks after submitting this application. Applying does not obligate you to host nor does it assure assignment of an exchangee.

\_\_\_\_\_ (For the Labo Month-long Program) The Ohio youth matched to host the exchangee must keep this exchange uppermost in mind during the hosting month, and ensure that the exchangee feels comfortable around friends and feels included in activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected as a host family, we will be expected to treat the exchangee as a family member. We will communicate with the exchangee prior to arrival. Our exchangee will be included in all family activities. Lodging, all meals, and family activities will be paid by us.

\_\_\_\_\_ If our family owns any guns, they must be locked and kept out of sight during the homestay. (A visible but locked gun cabinet is OK.)

\_\_\_\_\_ No special arrangements for entertaining or traveling are expected. The program emphasizes the normal family life experience that can be gained from a host family stay. Our family must be flexible, patient and able to communicate both verbally and non-verbally while hosting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Orientations will be held and orientation materials will be sent to us. We will read the information and familiarize ourselves with it. We are required to attend an orientation if we did not host with Ohio 4-H last year. (Note: All Year-Long Host Families must attend an Orientation, regardless of when they last hosted.) We are also encouraged to attend one mid-point activity during the homestay, if offered in our area.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will contact the State Coordinator or the local ICC or County 4-H Educator immediately if illness or a problem/concern is evident. We understand and accept that in certain instances an exchangee must be removed from a home after placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ No member of our family has ever abused drugs or alcohol, or been convicted of child or spousal abuse, or any other felony criminal offense. (If past drug/alcohol abuse applies, you will not necessarily be precluded from hosting. Please include a note of explanation.)

\_\_\_\_\_ We give permission to The Ohio State University, OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H, Labo and Worldwise to use in public awareness programs any photos, voice and video images or activities in which the exchangee and the host family participate.

**Parent Signature: (Required)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State 4-H International Program Manager @ OSU:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Your application will be returned to you if the information below (or any other info on this form) is not complete!**

**REFERENCES ~ List complete information** for three individuals (non-relatives) who can be contacted . One person must be your 4-H Educator or Advisor. If you are not in 4-H, include someone from your school system. **Be sure to include work phone** when applicable.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED! You must include a recent family photo with members identified. Okay to email to: [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu)**