



Hello!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Host Family with CIEE! I am sending you some general information about our organization, as well as additional details about becoming a host family.

Founded in 1947, **CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange** is a non-profit organization with a mission to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. With over 65 years of experience, CIEE is the largest and longest running sponsor of exchange programs in the U.S.

Each year, CIEE partners with hundreds of families across the U.S. to host our international high school students and we are currently looking for families in your area for the upcoming school year. In return for hosting, families learn about a different culture, enjoy lifelong friendships with students, fulfill the dream of a young person, and become global ambassadors in their own communities.

#### **Our Host Families:**

- Accept a student into their home as a part of their family for one or two semesters • Provide a bed and room (student can share a room with a host sibling of the same gender within 4 years age difference)
- Share 3 meals a day (if students choose to purchase school lunches it is their responsibility)
- Receive local and regional support 24/7 from well-trained staff and volunteers (additional 24 hour emergency hotline to provide support around the clock)
- Can invite the student to travel with them (even internationally) or arrange for the student to stay with friends or family

#### **Our Students:**

- Are between the ages of 15 and 18
- Are well screened for success on exchange program
- Must be proficient in English
- Have access to their own spending money for sports, activities with friends, and personal care
- Have full coverage health insurance through CIEE

#### **Our local exchange program:**

- You will have a local coordinator who lives in the area to support your family and the student
- Your local coordinator will check in monthly with the student and your family
- Expand your network through meeting other like-minded families and their great exchange students

Becoming a CIEE host family is an experience of mutual discovery. When you give an international student the opportunity to explore American culture through your eyes, you'll discover a new culture as well, by experiencing new values, traditions, languages and foods.

For more information about becoming a host family and about CIEE, please visit our [website!](#) If you already know this opportunity is right for you, start your [host family application](#) and I will follow up with you soon. Starting your application allows us to match you with a student or place up to two students at a time on hold for your family (max hold of 2 days) even if you have not yet completed the application.

CIEE also offers a referral bonus to anyone that refers a family to us that ends up hosting. This bonus can be sent to individuals or be made as a donation to schools, teams, or other groups.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Warmest Regards,  
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