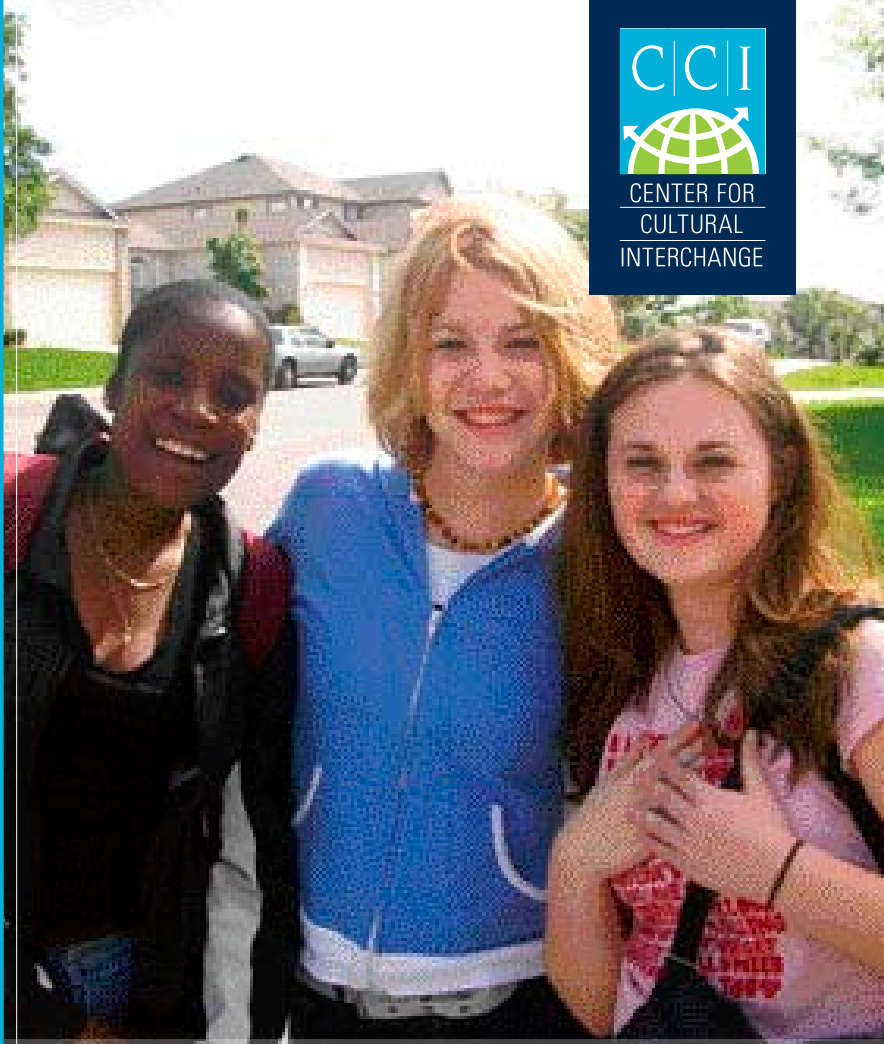


# CCI Host Families



**Host an Exchange Student with CCI**



# Join Us

CCI invites you and your family to join thousands of other families across the U.S. who enjoy the enriching and rewarding experience of becoming a volunteer host family! Now more than ever, your family can make a difference by hosting an exchange student by helping the lifelong dream of an international student come true, and contributing in a small, but significant way, to global harmony and understanding.

## Imagine...

...Sharing the beauty, history and culture of America with a young foreign exchange student from Russia, Vietnam, Brazil, Germany, Korea, Spain, or one of 60 other countries.

...Developing lifelong friendships between your two families.

...Exploring your differences, discovering surprising similarities, and teaching your new son or daughter about your American values and beliefs.

...Seeing the United States through the youthful eyes of an inquisitive teen, and rediscovering the simple things that we often take for granted...a baseball or football game, a community picnic, even window-shopping at the mall!



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“Parting, especially from my host family will be so hard. One of my biggest goals is to begin working out a plan for my host family to come to Germany to visit my family. We must always keep our connection.”

*Sven Z., Academic Year Program student from Germany*



## **Why Host Families are Needed**

Each year, CCI provides over 1000 exchange students the rare opportunity to live with American families all across the U.S., from a few weeks in the summer, up to a 10-month Academic High School Year.

With volunteer host families located in every state, CCI can provide these young ambassadors a wide range of landscapes, climates, activities and lifestyles... from a farm in rural Iowa to a suburb of Seattle... from the coastline of Maine to the heart of Texas... only host families—like yours—can provide such a rich menu of unique and truly “American” experiences.

## **Who Can Host?**

CCI host families come in all shapes and sizes and represent the diversity of American culture. Our families are of varied economic, religious and racial backgrounds and include:

- Working parents
- Couples without children
- Singles and single parents
- Empty-nesters

## **CCI Volunteer Host Families are:**

- Warm, welcoming and open-minded people
- Often international travelers themselves or would like to be
- Proud to share their American culture and lifestyle
- Interested in learning about other cultures
- Eager to include a student in their family and community
- Happy to receive a modest tax deduction for hosting

“The kids really become part of your family. After a while, since they don’t have their own parents around, you naturally fill the gap. The students we’ve hosted consider us to be their American family.”

*Dale Kahn, a CCI host in Florida*



## Being a CCI Volunteer Host Family

Host families provide room and board, specifically a separate bed and a quiet place to study along with daily meals with the family. Local transportation also needs to be secured for the student (students are not permitted to drive while on the program.) Hosts are responsible for open communication, encouragement and sound advice for their exchange students while they live in their home. Also, as a member of a family, hosts need to treat them as such which may include outlining household rules and giving students responsibilities, chores, and privileges. During the program, host parents provide parental supervision and show understanding and patience.

“We are truly blessed with the experiences that the CCI program has brought to our lives. Markus and Jack are loved so very much and thought of and appreciated as our own sons and will always be welcomed into our lives and home with arms wide open.”

*The Lowry's, a CCI host family in Texas*

### THE ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM

CCI brings international high school student to the U.S. to live with host families for a school semester or school year. Students study at local high schools and are encouraged to participate in school-sponsored activities, community service and environmental programs. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18, have good English skills, bring spending money, have medical and accident insurance and are eager to experience life in the U.S.

### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF STUDENTS?

Students are expected to be a responsible and caring member of the family and to share his/her culture and customs with hosts and community. Students will participate fully in family and school life. This is the best way to learn about our country. They attend school regularly and commit to showing a consistent effort to obtain satisfactory grades and adapt to their new life. Open communication and commitment to the program are the keys to a successful program.



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# Become a host family today.

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