

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

You are cordially invited to participate in the University of Cincinnati International Friendship Program. As a participant in this program, you would serve as a local "friend," or someone with whom an international student could visit, enjoy an occasional meal, celebrate holidays, participate in community events, or just relax in conversation. This is an opportunity for international students to experience American life in a non-university setting and to learn first-hand about culture in the United States.

Generally, U.S. friends apply to be paired with one international student and these pairings have been quite successful. However, very often those friends who are matched with two or more students have a smoother time of getting acquainted, and they often have more enjoyable times together as the year progresses.

Once you have been paired with your international student(s), it is important to contact them promptly. Most students apply to be a part of this program with high expectations and may be disappointed if they do not hear from their friend. *If you would like to participate, please fill out the attached application and return it to:*

**UC International Services
3134 One Edwards Center One
PO Box 210640
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0640**



Local Friend Application

1. Which group do you represent (how did you find out about this program)? Circle one:
UC IVC YMCA Friends of Internationals International Friendship Cincinnati Other:

2. Name (family, given) _____ Country of Birth _____

Are you applying as an individual or as part of a family? _____

3. Street Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Work Phone _____

Email Address _____ Best Time to be reached _____

4. How many students would you like to be matched with? _____

5. Would you prefer to be matched with the following?
Circle one: **male student(s) female student(s) Student with a family no preference**

6. Would you prefer to be matched with a student from a particular country/region?
Circle one: **yes no preference** If yes, which country/region? _____

7. Would you prefer to be paired with a student in a particular field of study?
Circle one: **yes no preference** If yes, which field of study? _____

8. Will you participate even if your preferences in regards to the student's gender and country of origin cannot be accommodated? Circle one: **yes no**

9. Please circle any of your interests and/or hobbies: **Music (popular/ jazz/ classical) Theater
Cooking Photography Cards/Games Movies Museums Sports** (specify) _____

Other interests and/or hobbies: _____

10. What languages do you speak? _____ What is your religious background? _____

11. Please write one or two comments about why you want to participate in this program:
