



SHARE THE BEST OF SHARPSVILLE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Want to host? Seeking Host Families for the 15/16 School Year

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September 4, 2015, Hermitage, Pennsylvania – Ever wonder how you could share the Pennsylvania experience with a student from another country? Ever wonder how you could learn more about another country without leaving **Sharpsville, PA**? The same answer addresses both of these exciting questions—host an international high school student NOW! They will all be placed throughout the United States Let's keep some of them here in Sharpsville, PA.

What does it take to host a student from our program? Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but they all share one thing in common—the excitement of bringing in an international student as another member of the family and attending their district public high school. So here are the typical questions:

Where do they come from? Over 48 countries and they come fully insured, including a medical policy

How long do they stay? 5 months, 10 months or 12 month programs

How old are they? 15-18 ½ years old

Do they know English? Yes, they have all gone through an English proficiency test, are pre-screened and have to apply for the programs. They have to maintain a “C” average and carry at least 4 academic classes.

What about the school? The school has to agree to accept the student and he/she will be treated like any other student, including counting in enrollment numbers.

So what does it take to be a host family? They share the following traits:

Interested – Interested in sharing our culture

Involved - Encouraging and helpful

Responsible - Mature and stable

Understanding Patient and accepting in sharing our culture

Room enough for a student's bed and room—can share with family member of the same gender

So, what is the experience and how does it change lives?

**Here are some YouTube videos--<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ScNJmjdIGo>
and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9D4yQms9Bs>**

So, how do you begin? Click on the link to [Becoming a Host Family--http://www.iseusa.com/ready-host-student.cfm](http://www.iseusa.com/ready-host-student.cfm). ISE host families are volunteers, with many hosting year after year. Our blog is loaded with stories and photos from years of successful placements. Please take a look around and see what some of the tremendous accomplishments made possible by this program.

[International Student Exchange](#) is a nonprofit organization that helps to bridge the gap between American families and cultures of the world. By promoting cultural understanding and education, ISE's mission is to help the many different nations of the world find common ground and diplomatic paths to world peace. Located in Babylon, NY, ISE has been working for more than thirty years to offer students from over 45 different countries quality homes and education in the United States. As a sponsor for the [J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa](#), ISE puts Students who participate in the program are placed in accredited schools, with qualified families interested in learning about different ways of life.