

Amherst Town Committee for International Students, Inc. HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

Dear Friends,

Each year, local residents are invited to welcome international students from the University of Massachusetts into our community through the Hospitality Program. This is a low commitment volunteer opportunity which helps acclimate new arrivals to the Amherst campus and town. The only responsibility of the participating families is to meet the students once at the beginning of their stay. Where it goes from there is up to you... invitations to dinner, holiday gatherings, and outings, whatever feels comfortable. In my personal experience, some of the contacts have led to long-lasting friendships and even visits to the student's home countries. The students, who come from all over the world, may be undergraduates or graduate students, male or female, single or married. I will try to take your interests into account as much as possible in making your match. In order to participate, I ask you to fill out and return the form below as soon as possible so that I will know how many students we will be able to accommodate this year.

Please return this form to:

Ruth Harms

140 Blackberry Lane
Amherst, Ma 01002

Or e-mail to hickharm@comcast.net

If you have any questions, please call her at (413) 549-7624

OUR COMMITTEE

We are also looking for people who might be interested in getting involved as members of the committee. Activities include:

- recruiting new welcoming families from the community
- pairing families with students who apply through the UMass International Program Office
- helping to arrange a social event with families and students

If you are interested in joining the committee, please comment on the application and I will contact you!

ATCIS Hospitality Host Application

Date: _____

I/we would like to welcome a student.

I/we cannot participate this school year. Please contact me/us next year.

Please remove my/our name from your list because _____

Names of adults in home: _____

Occupations: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Alternative phone: _____ Email: _____

Names and ages of children at home: _____

Household pets: _____

Please check as many items as apply to your preferred match:

Female Male Single student Couple Family

More than one student Undergraduate Graduate

Nationalities: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Can you accommodate smokers? Yes No

Can you accommodate dietary restrictions? Yes No

Your special interests: _____

Do you have any ideas of activities to share with other welcoming families?

WE NEED MORE FAMILIES!

This year, we would like to find host families for 50 or more. If you know other families who would like to welcome a foreign student to Amherst this fall, please give us their names and contact information and we will send them an application.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Comments: