

# **Academic year in America**

PLACE

This form thus, be completed by the student- please type of philit cleany if not completing electronically.	PHOTO
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT LENGTH	HERE
AYA-FALL SEMESTER AYA-SPRING SEMESTER AYA-ACADEMIC SEMESTER	
Other:	
STUDENT INFORMATION	
Last name: First name:	
Nickname: MALE FEMALE Birth date:	
Passport number: Age when in USA: MONTH DAY	YEAR
Birth city:	
PERMANENT CONTACT INFORMATION	
Street: Apartment number: City:	
Postal code: Country: Telephone:	
Country of citizenship (per passport):	
Country of legal residence:	
FAMILY STATUS	
Mother LIVING Father LIVING	
DECEASED DECEASED	
I live with MY MOTHER AND FATHER MY MOTHER AND STEPFATHER MY MOTHER ONLY	
MY FATHER ONLY MY FATHER AND STEPMOTHER Other:	
Father	
Last name: First name:	Age:
Occupation: Business phone: Speaks English:	YES NO
Mother	
Last name: First name:	Age:
Occupation: Business phone: Speaks English:	YES NO



Siblings					
Name:	Occupation: Age:				
Name:	Occupation: Age:				
Name:	Occupation: Age:				
Name:	Occupation: Age:				
What kinds of pets do you have in your home?					
Are you allegric to some pets?					
Would you prefer to share a room with: TEENAGER	YOUNG SIBLINGER NO PREFERENCE				
STUDENT INTERESTS					
Circle the five words that best describe you, and underline	those that least describe you.				
POLITE SENSITIVE RE	SPONSIBLE TRADITIONAL OPTIMISTIC				
SERIOUS ADAPTABLE QU	JICK-TEMPERED MATURE INDEPENDENT				
HUMOROUS CALM FO	ORMAL OPEN FRIENDLY				
NEAT QUIET PA	TIENT SPONTANEOUS SOCIABLE				
Number in order of preference the five activities you enjoy	most from among the following:				
READING PHOTOGRAPHY	BASEBALL HIKING				
WATCHING TV GYMNASTICS	SWIMMING SAILING				
THEATER COMPUTERS	SKIING MUSIC				
MOVIES PAINTING, DRAWIN	NG WATER SKIING CAMPING				
DRAMA ATTENDING CONC	CERTS VOLLEYBALL MARTIAL ARTS				
GOLF BALLET	WRESTLING VISITING MUSEUMS				
COOKING MODERN DANCING	G FISHING INDIVIDUAL SPORTS				
CHESS SOCCER	HUNTING TEAM SPORTS				
PLAYING CARDS BASKETBALL	WATCHING SPORTS TENNIS				
GARDENING AMERICAN FOOTE	BALL CYCLING SURFING				
PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL CLUBS, SCHOOL CLUBS (POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS)					
COLLECTING:					
PLEASE LIST ONE OR TWO					
SINGING IN A ORGANIZED GROUP PLAY A MU	USICAL INSTRUMENT:				
Other:	PLEASE SPECIFY				



SMOKING
Do you smoke? YES NO
If "yes", are you willing to stop during the program?  YES  NO
Would you be willing to live with a person who smokes?  YES  NO
Would you be willing to live with a person who smokes? YES NO
DRINKING
Do you normally drink alcoholic beverages outside your home?  YES NO
If "yes", how frequently?  RARELY  OCCASIONALLY  REGULARLY
RELIGION
Religious affiliation:
Religious: VERY ACTIVE REGULAR OCCASIONAL NEVER BELIEVER BUT NOT AFFILIATED
NON-BELIEVER
How actively would you like to pursue your religion while in the united states?  VERY ACTIVELY  WEEKLY
OCCASIONALLY NEVER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Would you be willing to live with a single person?  YES NO
Would you be willing to live with in double placement?  YES NO
Do you have relatives living in the us?  YES NO
If "yes", please give relationship, name and address:
in addition to cultural exchange, your interest in the USA and improving your english, check the two items that are your most
important reasons for participating in this program:
TRAVEL TO MANY PARTS OF THE USA  BECOME INVOLVED IN AMERICAN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS  BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND MATURE
PURSUE A PERSONAL INTEREST OR HOBBY TEACH OTHERS ABOUT MY OWN COUNTRY



## STUDENT LETTER

This form to be completed by student.

**Directions for student's letter to host family:** Your letter is one of the most important parts of the application. Along with your parent's letter, it will normally have the most influence on prospective families. Do not repeat information already provided in other sections of this application. Instead provide more detailed and personal information that will help the family understand your personality, background, lifestyle and habits. We ask that you are very frank and honest in your letter and that you comment on your strengths and weaknesses. Remeber you are writing to a parent. Please include the types of information you would like your prospective family to know about you.

This letter must be in English and typed or clearly written in black ink. It should cover all, but no more than this side of this	s page.



## PARENT LETTER

This form to be completed by parent.

**Directions for parent's letter to host family:** Your letter is one of the most important parts of the application. Along with your child's letter, it will normally have the most influence on prospective families. Do not repeat information already provided in other sections of this application. Instead provide more detailed and personal information that will help the family understand your child's personality, background, lifestyle and habits. We ask that you are very frank and honest in your letter and that you comment on your child's strengths and weaknesses. Remeber you are writing to another parent. Please include the types of information you would want to know if you were going yo host their child.

his letter must be in English and typed or clearly written in black ink. It should cover all, but no more than this side of this	s page.



#### **DRIVING**

This form to be completed by parent.

WISE will not allow any of its participants to drive any automobile in the United States, unless in conjunction with the following guidelines:

- DRIVER'S EDUCATION: This term commonly refers to classroom instruction offered in some American high schools. It is an academic elective which usually covers "rules of the road", reaction times influenced by drugs and alcohol, legal implications, parts of the car, emergency procedures, etc. This course is not offered in all high schools and, in those schools where it is offered, there is sometimes a waiting list. The participants would not be given preference over American students who may need this course for high school graduation.
- 2. **DRIVER'S TRAINING:** This term commonly refers to "behind the wheel" training. Driver's education is a prerequisite for this course, and it will probably have a waiting list as well. Again, the participant would not be given preference over American students who have been eagerly awaiting their turn to take the course.

In states whose schools offer Driver's Training, a "learner's permit" is generally required. The student should contact a local license branch to get state regulations. Host families are not authorized to assume liability by adding the exchange student to their personal automobile policy.

Even if a permit is obtained, there is no guarantee that the student can obtain a driver's licence. Public schools don't take the students to the Department of Motor Vehicles or supply school cars for the student to take the state driving tests. Since the student cannot use the school's automobile or the host family's automobile, this would make the securing of a personal driver;s license almost impossible. Additionally, the concern for insurance is not only the liability for the vehicle but for liability for all parties involved.

3. AMERICAN DRIVING SCHOOLS: An alternative to Driver's Training is for the student to enroll in a privately owned commercial driving school. For a fee, these schools will give the necessary "behind the wheel" training and assistance in passing a written driving test to obtain the state driver's license. The usual charge for this from \$200 to \$600, which includes classroom instruction, driving instruction, and insurance coverage.

If the student is under 18, certain forms may have to be signed by you, the parent or guardian.

Under no circumstances will the student be allowed to drive the host family's car.

Upon receipt of a driver's license, the participant must mail that license to the WISE Main Office; it will then be forwarded to you, the natural parents.

By signing this statement we acknowledge that we have read and fully understand the above explanation of the driving policy regarding driving, agree to said policy, and give permission for our son/daughter to:

Ve ackn	nowledge our son/daughter will be allowed to drive the Host Family automob	pile.
	DECLINE PERMISSION	
	ENROLL IN A PRIVATE DRIVING SCHOOL AND TO PAY THE NECESSA	ARY FEES
	TAKE DRIVER'S TRAINING (IF AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL)	
	TAKE DRIVER'S EDUCATION (IF OFFERED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL)	



### **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL

This form must be completed by a school official at the applicant's school. Please consider the applicant in relation to others in his age group, and then check the appropriate box for each item below. Student's first name: Student's last name: **TRULY BELOW INSUFFICIENT OUTSTANDING EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR POOR AVERAGE EVIDENCE ACADEMIC POTENCIAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT READING SKILL AND INTEREST WRITTEN EXPRESSION ORAL EXPRESSION STUDY HABITS INITIATIVE CURIOSITY COMMON SENSE SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE REACTION TO CRITICISM SELF-DISCIPLINE INDEPENDENCE WARMTH OF PERSONALITY CONCERN FOR OTHERS CONDUCT INTEGRITY DEPENDABILITY EMOTIONAL STABILITY ENERGY OVERALL RATING AS A PERSON AS A STUDENT** Please comment in detail on the character, motivation, and study habits of the student. Does the student cooperate with teachers and interact well with other students? Is the student mature enough to handle the considerable difficulties of studying in an American high school?

TITLE



This form must be completed by a school official at the applicant's school.

Please list your grading scale next to the corresponding American grades listed on the left:

Please list your g	rading scale nex	it to the correspo	onding American gra	ades listed on the 16	er:		
		1	NUMBER OF LETT	ER GRADE		WORDS	3
EXCELLENT	<b>A</b> +						
SUPERIOR	Α						
VERY GOOD	A- or B+						
GOOD	B or B-						
AVERAGE	С						
SUFFICIENT	C-						
POOR	D						
FAIL	F						
In the boxes, list	t the courses ta	ken from 9th le	vel to present.				
Year- from:	to:			Year- from:	to:		
9th Year Level Courses	Hours per week	1/2 Year Grade	Final Grade	10th Year Level Courses	Hours per week	1/2 Year Grade	Final Grade
Year- from:	to:		•	Year- from:	to:	•	
11th Year Level Courses	Hours per week	1/2 Year Grade	Final Grade	12th Year Level Courses	Hours per week	1/2 Year Grade	Final Grade
Please attach a	copy of each se	chool report me	entioned above.				
Course translati			antioned above.				
SIGNATURE OF OFFIC	CIAL						
TITI F				OF	FICIAL SCHOOL SEA	L OR STAMP	



## **ENGLISH ABILITY**

This form is to be completed by an English interviewer.

#### To the interviewer:

INTERVIEWER'S SIGNATURE

The purpose of this form is to determine the participant's English ability. It is an important tool, which helps us place students in high schools with appropriate instructional programs. Therefore, it is important for you to be frank and accurate in your rating. Some American high schools offer "English as a Second Language" programs which, when taken in conjunction with the standard curriculum, are highly beneficial to the student with weaker English skills. Howeverm not all schools provide such programs. So please take great care to interview carefully, and fill out the form accurately.

After enga	g and understanding conversation:  aging applicant in at least 15 minutes of active conversation, relating my views on current topics (being careful to use both abstract  d idiomatic phrases), and requesting his or her views, I rate the applicant's ability to speak and understand English conversation to be:
10	Absolute proficiency in English. Student is able to both understand and converse, using sophisticated vocabulary and clear, correct sentence structure. Has no trouble with abstract subjects, or most idioms. Thinks in English.
9	Student possesses near fluency. Sentence structures are nearly perfect. Can understand and respond to difficult questions. English knowledge includes abstract terms. Will have no problem at all communicating when he/she arrives in the USA.
8	English responses, although not perfect, come naturally. In other words, student responds evidently in English. Has a good vocabulary and understands almost everything. Can respond intelligently, however needs practice.
7	Student can understand most conversation. Speaking ability is good, but needs practice. Student can go beyond basic responses and elaborate on thoughts. Knows many words, but needs to think before responding.
6	Student understands basic English. Vocabulary includes everyday, common terms. Thinks quickly, however, it is evident that he/she is translating. Gets lost when conversation involves abstract terms. Makes mistakes, but is understandable. Can carry on a basic conversation.
5	Student can understand much more than he/she can communicate; however, tries. Can respond in sentence form even if grammar and structure are not perfect. Applicant is understandable.
4	Student is evidently understanding the basic English sentences and is able to respond even if only in words or phrwses. Grammar and sentence construction is poor, but understandable. (A few weeks of total immersion in host country will rapidly improve his/her abilities).
3	Student understands words, or phrases but no sentence thoughts. Speaking ability is limited to a few words or phrases.
2	Student understands a few words, but has little or no ability to communicate beyond a few words. Student may even refuse to use English.
1	Student cannot understand conversation and knows little or no English.
frustration space pr	rent that regardless of the level of English language proficiency of the student, there will be periods of difficulty and on, for any foreign student who must function in English full-time during a five or ten month stay in the United States. In the ovided below, please share your insights into the applicant's English language ability and aptitude, his motivation, and his bits. These will be extremely helpful in predictiong the applicant's academic success in the program.
1	, am the applicant's English teacher
INTERV	IEWER'S NAME  an English-speaking interviewer
I h	ave known the applicant for years OR This is the interview meeting only
To the be	est of my knowledge, I have made a fair and accurate assessment of the applicant's English ability. This interview was held at
LOCATION	DATE

TITLE OR CAPACITY (RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT)



# ENGLISH ORAL INTERVIEW GUIDELINES

	This form to be completed by agency.  Score the student's ability to communicate in English. Use the following guidelines:					
	10	Absolute proficiency in English. Student is able to both understand and converse, using abstract terms and complicated sentence structures.				
	9	Student possesses near fluency. Sentence structures are nearly perfect. Can understand difficult questions and can respond using magnanimous terms. Will have no problem communication when he or she arrives in the U.S.				
	8	English responses come naturally, although they may be imperfect. Student has a good vocabulary and understands almost everything. Can respond intelligently, but needs practice.				
	7	Student can understand most things. Speaking ability is good, but needs practice. Student can go beyond basic responses and elaborate on thoughts. Knows many words, but needs to think before responding.				
	6	Student understands basic English. Vocabulary includes everyday, common terms. Responds quickly, but it is evident that student is translating. Gets lost when conversation strays from basics. Makes mistakes, but can carry on a conversation.				
	5	Student comprehends much more than he is able to communicate. Responds in some sentence forms, although grammar and strucure are not perfect.				
	4	It is evident that student has an understanding of basic English sentences and is able to respond if only in words. Grammar and sentence construction is poor, but understandable. (A few weeks of total immersion in host country will rapidly improve his/her abilities).				
	3	Student understands words, or phrases but no sentence thoughts. Speaking ability is limited to a few words.				
	2	Student understands a few words, but has little or no ability to communicate. Student may even refuse to use English.				
	1	Student cannot understand and speaks little or no English.				
STU	DENT	AGENCY EVALUATOR				



# MEDICAL STATEMENT

This form to be completed by doctor.				
Name of applicant:	Birth date:	MONTH DAY YEAR	cm	
Weight: kg Blood pressure:	Pulse:		GOOD GOOD	
Does applicant now have, or has he/she If "yes", give detailed information regarding impa		ided below.	_	
ILLNESS NO YES	MONTH YEAR	DISORDERS	NO YES	
CHICKEN POX		SEIZURE DISORDERS		
MEASLES		SLEEPWALKING		
MUMPS		APPENDECTOMY		
POLIOMYELITIS		COUGH (FREQUENT)		
RHEUMATIC FEVER		DIABETES MILITIS		
RUBELLA		MIGRAINE HEADACHES		
SCARLET FEVER		MENSTRUAL DISORDERS		
MALARIA		LEARNING OR SPEECH DEFECTS		
HEPATITIS		VERTIGO, DIZZINESS		
PARASITES		ALLERGIES*		
GOITER		ASTHMA*		
HERNIA		OTHER		
TETANUS		*If "yes", fill out allergy statement completely ar Physician".	nd attach necessary "Note to	
OTHER		,joda		
Has the applicant ever been hospitalize	ed?	YES NO Note to Phys	ician: Please attach a note an American physician	
Has the applicant ever been advised to	have surgery, which has not been d	lone?   YES   NO describing you	ur treatment, the patient's ledications, etc., which	
Is student presently taking medications	or injections?	YES NO would help the patient in the	at physician treat your	
Has student ever consultated a speciali		YES NO		
EXPLANATION in detail of all "yes" answ	vers:			
After examination of student I reccome	nd that he/she NOT participate in a	ctivities checked below.		
BASEBALL FOOTBALL	SWIMMING WRESTLING	BASKETBALL GOLF TENNIS	CROSS COUNTRY	
TRACK FIELD HOCKEY	SOCCER VOLLEYBALL	GYMNASTICS OTHER		
Are there any restrictions on the studen	nt's participation in physical educat			
Allergy Statement: HAY FEVER	YES NO	Other allergies? YES NO If "yes", list	specific substances:	
What specific pollens, grasses, etc., is the application	cant allergic to?			
What reactions are caused by contact?		What reactions are caused by contact?	MILD STRONG	
Would you describe these reactions as:   MILD   ST  Would you describe these reactions as:   MILD   ST  SEVERE OR LIFE THREATENING* *Check box in the lower right				
SEVERE OR LIFE THREATENING* *	Check box in the lower right-hand corner.	Can these reactions be controlled with medication		
Can these reactions be controlled with	medication? YES NO	If "yes", what medication and dosage?	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
If "yes", what medication and dosage?		Would you send this medication with the applican	nt? YES NO	
Have you sent this medication with the	applicant? YES NO	What emergency procedures might be necessar	y if the student comes into	
In your proffessional opinion, would this student be able to endure, or control (through medication), hay  YES NO  NO  Contact with these substances while in the USA? (Be specific)			(Be specific)	
fever symptoms during his/her stay in t	ication), nay	* IMPORTANT: STUDENT HAS SEVER OR LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTIONS		



# IMMUNIZATION RECORD

PHYSICIAN'S ADDRESS

		Bi	rth date:			
This form to be completed by c	loctor.		MC	NTH DAY	YEAR	
Student's last name:		Student's fir	st name:			
		Date each de	ose was give	n (Month, Day	, Year)	
	Vaccine	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Polio (TOPV)						
HEPATITIS B						
DPT and/or TD (Diphtheria, cough) OR (Tetanus and Di	Tetanus and Pertussis or whooping phtheria only)					
1	ed measles). Two shots required.	If no immur	nization, give	date student	t had measles.	
First date:  MONTH DAY YEAR	Second date:  MONTH DAY YEAR	First date:	IONTH DAY	YEAR		
Rubella (German measles-	3 day measles). Two shots required.	If no immur	nization, give	date student	t had measles.	
First date:	Second date:	_				
MONTH DAY YEAR	MONTH DAY YEAR	First date:	ONTH DAY	YEAR		
Mumps- two shots required	i.	If no immur	nization, give	date student	t had mumps.	
First date:	Second date:	First date:				
MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR MONTH DAY YEAR						
Immunizations required for a	dmission into american schools					
POLIO (Trivalent Oral- TOP	V)					4 doses
2. <b>DIPHTHERA-TETANUS-</b>	PERTUSSIS (DPT OR TD) (must have h	ad tetanus wit	hin the last 10	years)		5 doses
3. HEPATITIS B						3 doses
(7 years and over)						
<b>MEASLES</b> (Rubella, 10 day require third MMR within la	measles) one dose on or after one yea st three years.	r of age and at	four years of	age or physica	an-verified disea	se. Schools
RUBELLA (German measle Schools require third MMR	es- 3 day measles) one dose on or after within last three years.	one year of aç	ge and at four	years of age o	or physican-verifi	ied disease.
<b>MUMPS</b> vaccine, one dose within last three years.	e on or after one year of age and at four	years of age o	r physican-ve	rified disease.	Schools require	third MMR
TB skin test date:	Result:	NEGATIVE	POSI	TIVE If possib	ole, chest x-ray mu	ıst be provided.
MONTH DA	Y YEAR					
	n a thorough physical examination a on has been included and that the inf				candidate. I ce	rtify that all
PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE			DATE			

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PHYSICIAN'S STAMP



#### STUDENT AGREEMENT FOR WISE PROGRAMS

This form to be completed by student.

I am accepted as a student under the sponsorship of WISE, I agree to obey and uphold the following rules and regulations:

- 1. Since I will be living with a family other than my own, I agree to regard the host parents as my own and respect them in every way. I understand that I will not be staying as a gueast in the home but as family member, as is proper and usual in the country of my exchange family.
- 2. I understand that a good academic performance will be expected of me while participating in WISE programs. A good school record will ensure the continued support of WISE in my host community. I understand that should I consistently fail academically or exhibit disruptive behavior that might result in my suspension or explusion from school, this may be grounds for my return home at my own expense.
- 3. My personal smoking and drinking habits will be in accordance with the rules of my host country, host community and host family.
- 4. I realize that if I do not travel to and from my host family on the dates and times specified by WISE, I will have to pay for my own travel expense.
- 5. I will meet with my WISE representative every month with regard to whatever activities and problems I may encounter. In the event of problems, I will contact my representative first, before I contact my parents or the representative in my own country.
- 6. I will restrict my communications with my natural family to not more than once a week. This includes e-mail, fax or phone conversations. If problems arise, I will go to my host family first and then to my local representative.
- 7. I agree that i will follow WISE guidelines regarding travel. I agree that I will not participate in individual travel (refer to the WISE Student Handbook for a description of authorized and unauthorized travel). I agree that I will notify my local representative of any travel plans by filling out a Travel Release Form in adequate time to get required signatures. A three-week notice is a minimum. I understand that by not following the above guidelines regarding securing travel permission and traveling in general could result in my early return home from this program.
- 8. I agree that i will notify my local representative of any planned visit from family or friends from my home country. I understand that written permission from WISE, the host family, my home country agency and my natural parents must be secured for my family or friends to visit during the program. Even though a visit is allowed at the end of the program (last week of school), written permission is still required. Failure to comply with this rule could lead to the early return of your child from this program.

If I do not respect the rules outlined above, I understand that I may be sent home at my own expense. WISE will not reimburse funds or fees paid to WISE that may be considered unused because of the early departure. Any expenses incurred by me because of the early departure will be my responsibility or my family's.

I further understand that as a representative of my homeland, I must be a good citizen and uphold and obey the laws of my host country. I agree to prepare myself for the experience as an exchange student and promise to attend all orientation and preparation programs as recommended to me by my WISE representative.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE	DATE	



### PARENTAL AGREEMENT FOR WISE PROGRAMS

This form to be completed by parent.

Our child has permisssion to apply for and take part in programs sponsored by WISE. In case of serious infractions of program rules as outlined in the Student Agreement for WISE Programs, we understand that our child may be dismissed from the program early. Should this be the case, we understand that there will be no refund of program fees.

We agree that if our child does not travel to and from the host country on the dates and times specified by WISE, he/she will have to pay his/her own travel expenses.

We agree should it become necessary, to the early return home of our child for medical reasons after consultation with WISE medical authorities and ourselves. The program fee does not include unscheduled early returns.

We agree that our child will submit the results of a complete medical examination on forms to be supplied by WISE.

We will restrict our communications with our child while he/she is in the United States to not more than once a week. This includes e-mail, fax or phone conversations. If problems or questions arise, we will go to the home country agency to communicate the concerns.

We agree not to visit our child in the United States while he/she is enrolled in this academic program without the written permission of WISE, the host family and our home country agency. Visitation is allowed at the end of the program, but written permission must still be obtained. We agree that we will not come to the United States before the last week of school. Failure to comply with this rule could lead to the early return of our child from this program.

We agree that our child will not be allowed to participate in individual travel while in this program and will only be allowed to travel according to the guidelines specified in the student handbook of WISE. We understand that we will be notified of any travel arrangements that require our signature this notifying us of travel plans according to WISE policy. Unauthorized or non-approved travel by our child could lead to the early return of him/her from this program.

Before departure, we will discuss our child's responsibilities as an exchange student and will encourage our child to participate as much as possible in the daily activities of his/her host family.

SIGNATURE OF FATHER/GUARDIAN	DATE	
SIGNATURE OF MOTHER/GUARDIAN	DATE	



#### **TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING**

This form to be completed by student and parents.

Participating in the Academic Year program in the United States can be a very joyous, fulfilling experience for the student. For that to happen, one must fully understand the concept and purpose of our program. All parties- the participant, his parents, the host family, WISE, and overseas organization-must work from the same framework and toward the same goal. To ensure your understanding, we set forth the following:

- 1. **Program Concept:** The Academic Year in America is designed to give the participant an opportunity to spend 5 to 10 months studying at an American high school. Under the program, the student is placed with a host family for the duration of the visit.
- Program Purposes: The primary purpose of this program is to improve the participant's knowledge of American culture and language
  through active participation in family, school and community life. A secondary purpose is to improve American knowledge of a foreign
  culture.
- 3. **Expectations:** The United States is not what many participants anticipate. The student should be aware that the United States, as he will experience it, will not be as seen on American television shows or in tourist promotional materials.
- 4. **Host Family and Cultural Adjustments:** Life in the US will be quite different from what the student is accustomed to in his own country. He must possess the maturity to accept the necessary adjustments to a different lifestyle.
  - a) Socioeconomic Standing: Host Families come from a wide range of incomes and social circles that may differ greatly from your own.
  - b) **Strictness:** American families impose more restrictions on teenagers than you may be used to. Teenagers must ask permission to go places, and, if given permission, must return by the hour their parents set. They must tell their parents where they will be and call if an emergency arises which will make them late. Curfew hours set by American parents are usually much earlier than those which you may be used to.
  - c) **Transportation:** Since for many years gasoline was inexpensive in America, most communities spent their dollars improving roads and parking for the family car. Only in recent years, as gas prices and pollution have increased have communities explored methods of mass transit. For this reason, you will will probably find yourself in a community with little or no mass transit, which will severely limit your mobility.
  - d) **Household Chores:** Children in American families are expected to start doing chores at an early age. Teenagers are expected to keep their rooms clean and neat, make their beds, etc. Chores are those jobs in addition to these basic requirements. Examples would be: washing dishes and clothes, vacuuming, dusting, mowing the lawn, feeding pets, washing the car and many more. These jobs are shared so that no one person in the family is burdened unfairly. You are expected to assume your share of chores when you join a family.
  - e) **Smoking:** While participating in the AYA Program, smoking by the student is prohibited, even if the student is 18. Americans are placing more and more restrictions on smoking now that it has been found to be such a health hazard. Also, tobacco in any forms is usually not allowed on school campuses, or at school activities. Smoking is not allowed in many businesses, public buildings, and private homes. Students who insist on smoking will run the risk of being dismissed from the program.
  - f) **Drinking:** This may be the one of the most difficult adjustments for you to make. In most states in America the drinking age is 21. This means you cannot purchase, possess, or drink alcohol in any form (including beer and wine) unless you are 21 years of age and have valid indentification to prove it. Although there are teenagers who will drink illegally, you cannot afford to do so because, in addition to any legal penalties, you would be sent home immediately.
- 5. **Parental and Participant Acknowledgement:** There is often confusion about certain aspects of the program. To clarify, we have listed them below.
  - a) **American Host Families:** Host Families are volunteers, they are not paid. The fees charged by the representative are for marketing, administration and supervision fees. Respect and courtesy are a requirement of the participant at all times.
  - b) **American High School:** One of the privileges in this program is that no tuition is paid to the American public high school for the participant's attendance. The participant must meet all academic reqirements while in the program. The high schools have very strict requirements for graduation in the senior year. In most cases the participant will not be albe to obtain a diploma due the fact that he cannot meet the requirements for graduation in the one year of participation.
  - c) **Expenses:** The participant must have available a minimum of \$250 (US) per month (\$350 per month is recommended) to cover costs not included in the program: school books and fees associated with extra-curricular activities at school, lunches (if purchased at school), transportation to and from school, as well as personal entertainment and hyguene expenses. Students who will be seniors should have an extra \$300 for end-of-year expenses.
  - d) **Placement:** The placement of the student is at the sole discretion of WISE. No guarantees are made as to the type of family or area location where the student will be placed. The information requested in this application is for informational purposes only.
- 6. **Rules of Program:** While in the United States, the student must obey all governmental laws covering immigration status requirements, state and local laws, as well as the rules set by the school, host family and WISE.





- a) Drinking of alcoholic beverages, except with the host family on appropriate occasions, is prohibited.
- b) Use of non-prescription drugs is prohibited.
- c) Driving of automobiles, exept as outlined in the driving section of the application, is prohibited.
- d) Complying with all host family rules is obligatory. This applies especially to curfew rules.
- e) Complying with all school rules and keeping grades within a passing range is reqiured.
- f) Students must return to their home country within 10 days of the end of their exchange school term (which is the official end of the program.

We, the participant and his/her parents, have read and understand all of the above. As a participant I agree to obey these rules and I understand that disobeying them will result in my being dismissed from the program and sent back to my home country at my own expense.

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#### LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE

This form to be completed by parent.

The undersigned, as participant and parents or legal guardians of a participant in program organized and directed by Worldwide International Student Echange (WISE), on behalf of ourselves and our successors or legal representatives, renounce to any claim against WISE, its employees, agents, teachers, coordinators, schools where the participant may be assigned, or any person interviewing in the program, that may arise due to injury, damage, sickness, accident, delay, unusual circumstances or expenses due to strikes, war, atmospheric conditions, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, or those derived from acts of omission, of airlines, shipping companies, railroads, buses, transportation in general, hotels, restaurants or any other service given by companies, individuals or anyone related with the aforementioned.

We understand that the participant will be subject to the authority of WISE and must follow the rules given by the family with whom he/she may live. We also understand that WISE reserves the right to terminate the participation in the program of any participant whose conduct may be considered detrimental or incompatibile with the interest and security of the program. If this decision is ever taken, the participant and his/her parents of legal guardians will have no right to any refunds.

We accept the right of WISE to directly or indirectly cancel, change or substitute in emergencies, or whenever normal circumstances change, those parts of the program whose alteration may be consireded necessary. Also to change, before and after departure, the cost of the program to meet unexpected changes in airfares, price of transportation in general, monetary devaluation's, etc. may be necessary. We understand that should there be a geographic move of the student for any reason whatsoever, the cost of transportation shall be borne by the participant.

We guarantee WISE that, although we may mantain in the future a friendly relationship with the school, local coordinators, and family, or families, with whom we may establish contact trough WISE or its employees, we will not make use of this knowledge to send in the future, directly or indirectly, students, relatives or friends to said school, local coordinators, or families, unless it is through WISE. We also grant WISE permission to use in the future any photographic or any other type of material in which the participant may appear for promotion or publicity of the organization's programs.

The participant agrees to accept and uphold the standards of conduct set by WISE, the school where he/she may be assigned, and the family or families with whom he/she may live for the duration of the program. He/she also agrees to mantain friendly and respectful relations with his/her teachers and classmates and especially with all the members of the family with whom he/she may be living, to accept the rules of conduct imposed by said family, to participate in the family life as much as possible, to try his/her best to adjust to a normal system of family life, and to treat all the members of the family with due love and respect.

We grant WISE, at its discretion, and, if necessary, at the cost of the participant or his/her parents- in the ase of expenses exceeding the coverage of the insurance policy covering the participant- the power to place him/her in a hospital or in any other institution for any type of assistance or medical treatment or, if there is no hospital available, to place him/her under the care of the medical doctor of WISE's choosing for his/her treatment.

We grant WISE custody of the participant while in the United States including, but not limited to, all necessary functions to act as legal guardians and "in loco parentis" in any situation, especially in emergencies whether medical or other, including the possibility of permission for surgical operations or any other medical or mental treatment. WISE shall be the only agency to authorize any medical or mental treatment of participant.

We authorize WISE to return him/her to his/her country of orgin at his/her cost or that of his/her parents, if necessary, to submit to medical treatment, if this is deemed necessary by the above-mentioned people after consultation with medical authorities. We confirm that at the

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ssible respresentation before the local authorities. in which the student is participating.
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#### LIABILITY AND MEDICAL RELEASE

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I, undersigned authorize any hospital or other medical-care institution, physician or other medical professional, pharmacy, insurance support organization, governmental agency, group policyholder, insurance company, association, employer or benefit plan administrator to furnish to the WISE Foundation, ACE American Insurance Company or its representatives, any and all confidential health information with respect to any injury or sickness suffered by, the medical history of, or any consultation, prescription or treatment provided to, the undersigned whose death injury, sickness or loss in the basis of a claim and copies of all of that person's hospital or medical records, including information relating to mental illness and use of drugs and alcohol, to determine eligibility for benefit payments under the Policy Number GLMNO4156341. I authorize the policy holder, employer of benefit plan administrator to provide the WISE Foundation, ACE American Insurance Company or its representatives with financial and employment-related information. I understand that this authorization is valid for the term of coverage of the Policy or the duration of any claim for benefits under the Policy, but in no event longer than 24 months.

I agree that a photographic copy of this Authorization shall be as valid as the original.

I understand that I or my authorized representative may request a copy of this authorization.

The protected health information provided under this authorization may include diagnosis and treatment information, including information pertaining to chronic diseases, behavioral health conditions, alcohol or substance abuse, communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and/or generic marker information.

Information disclosed under this authorization may be re-disclosed by the recipient and no longer protected by federal privacy regulations.

I understand that I or my authorized representative may revoke this authorization at any time, by providing the WISE Foundation, ACE American Insurance Company or its representatives with written notification as to my intent to revoke. I do understand that, if I do not sign this authorization, the WISE Foundation, ACE American Insurance Company or its representatives may not be able to obtain health information necessary to consider my claim for benefits.

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# **USA Inbound Program Agreement**

The Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange (WISE), its agents, principals, affiliates, directors, officers, employees and attorneys (collectively WISE), the undersigned partner(s) or legal guardian(s) ("Guardian") and student ("Student"), understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated in the ("Agreement") relating to Student's participation in WISE's student exchange program ("Program"). Guardian and Student are referred to collectively as the Participants ("Partiipants"). Adult(s) and their resident children who volunteer to host a Student for the Program term are referred to as the Host Family ("Host Family").

#### ADMISSION AND PLACEMENT

WISE considers such criteria as Student application packet materials, academic background, high school transcripts, age, educational level, physical and mental health, references, essay, and personal interviews in determining whether Program and such determination is final. All preferences and characteristics of the Student may not be accommodated in the placement process. Further, WISE relies soley on volunteer Host Families to select a student. Once the Student is selected, a Host Family devotes considerable time, effort and resources to hosting the student. WISE cannot control or guarantee student selection nor the timing of selection and placement. Students may be placed with a Host Family and/or enrolled in school after the beginning of the school term.

#### **LIVING EXPENSES**

Guardians agree to provide the Student the equivalent of \$250 (US) minimum per month to cover incidentals and pocket money. Participants must reimburse the Host Family for all extraordinary expenses incurred on Student's behalf such as personal phone calls (refer to Student's Handbook for phone procedures), any school expenses, household damage, etc.

#### **DISSIMILARITIES OR DIFFERENCES ABROAD**

In addition to learning the host country's language the Student is expected to adapt to the culture and lifestyle of the Host Family and host country. There may be significant cultural, economic and lifestyle differences between the Student's home country and host country. The host country may have different health care services, living conditions, road and transportation systems, educational approaches and systems, criminal justice systems, civil liberty laws, customs and values. Some host country services, living conditions or systems may be relatively inadequate, unsafe, or unreliable in comparison to the Student's home country. Other host country services conditions or systems may be superior to the standards in the Student's home country. Living conditions vary from one Host Family to another even in the same community. The Program offers number opportunities for the Student, however, Participants must be aware and accept these differences and risks associated with traveling and living in another country. The Student's level of maturity must be adequate to recognize and cope with these differences and risks. Guardians must take responsibility to educate and prepare the Student for the risks associated with foreign travel and living abroad. Program Representatives are available by telephone to provide assistance on an ongoing basis during the Student's participation in the Program. However, the Program cannot and does not provide constant direct supervision of the Student and does not act in the capacity of loco parentis. Guardians retain all rights and duties relating to the welfare of the Student. As a condition of acceptance into the Program, the Participants agree to hold WISE harmless for all injuries and/or damages incurred during the Student's participation in the Program resulting from any risks associated with international travel and living abroad, and any negligence and/or international acts caused by any third party, including but not limited to any member, guest, employee or agent of the Host F

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# **Consent Agreement**

#### **HEALTH CARE TREATMENT**

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psychological, psychiatric or hospital care during Student's participation in the Progra care provider. WISE shall not be liable for a the health care provider to release the Stu		for the health treatment and care of Student roper care shall be the responsibility of the health ttention. The Guardian(s) and/or Student authorize
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legal action or proceedings regarding the Neither WISE nor any Host Family member and/or Student authorize any court, law en Host Family member in the event that the Use of Student's Name and Likeness: T likeness of Student or any comments or s Rules for Students: The rules for WISE Stand any infraction may result in immediate	Student during Student's participation in the Proger shall be obligated to pursue or defend any such forcement agency, or any other government ager Student is detained or held by any such entity or the Guardian(s) and/or Student consent to the use tatements of Student in materials or publications at the contents ("Rules") have been established by WISE	legal action or proceedings. The Guardian(s) ney to release the Student to WISE, or any adult government agency.  e of Student's name, photograph, film or video utilized to promote the Program.  as minimum standards of participant conduct, country. Each Student and his/her Guardian(s) must
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the Student to advise WISE of any significant school, culture, language, etc. In addition, intervene and attempt to resolve the problems are community. If the Student does his/her home country. If the Student violates	the Student must notify WISE of any misundersta em. If necessary, WISE may in its sole discretion,	Ith, safety or welfare of the Student, adjustments to ndings or problems with the Host Family. WISE will seek a replacement Host Family, if possible within solve the problem, WISE may return the Student to sole and absolute discretion, terminate the

## GENERAL RELEASE, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISIONS

As a condition of Student;s participation in the Program, Participants agree to release and hold harmless WISE for injury, loss, delay, or any other damage and expense incurred by Participants due to (I) any incident beyond WISE's reasonable control, including, without limitation acts of God, ats of war, or government actions and restrictions, (II) any events directly or indirectly caused by international or negligent acts or omissions by any third party, including but not limited to any member, guest, employee or agent of the Host Family or other person in the host country, (III) risks associated with foreign travel and living abroad, including but not limited to risks associated with health care services, living conditions sanitation conditions, road and transportation systems, criminal justice systems, civil liberty laws, customs, and values, (IV) any differences in the living conditions and standards betweenPerticipants home and home country and the host home and host country, and (V) any act or omission of the Originationg Exchange Organization. As futher condition of Student's participation in the Program, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless WISE from any liability or expense, including court costs and attorney fees, resulting from any injury, loss or other damage or expense cause by the Student during his/her participation in the Program.

NATURAL MOTHER'S SIGNATURE



#### **ARBITRATION AND VENUE**

This agreement shall be deemed to have been made in the State of Tennessee, USA and its validity, construction, breach, performance and
interpretation shall be governed by the laws of Tennessee, USA. The parties to the Agreement acknowledge and agree that any dispute or
claim arising out of this Agreement, any resulting or related transaction, or the relationship of the parties, shall be decited by neutral, exclusive
and binding arbitration in Dyer County, Tennessee, USA. The arbitration shall be conducted before JAMS/Endispute, Inc. Either party may
appear telephonically at the arbitration hearing. The anward of the arbitrator may be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction located in
the United States. In any action, including arbitration, brough for breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover
reasonable attorneys fees and costs, including but not limited to the costs of arbitration.

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#### **AUTHORITY OF PARENT GUARDIAN**

Each parent guardian who signs this Agreement represents and warrants the he/she, together with the other parent/guardian who signs this Agreement, if any, is the custodial parent guardian of the student and has full authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Student and his/her legal guardian without the consent or approval of any other person, and agrees to indemnify and hold WISE harmless for any liability or expense, including court costs and attorneys fees resulting from any breach or claim of this representation.

#### **RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT**

In the event the Student is under the age of 18 at the time of execution of this Agreement, and the Student attains 18 years of age while participating on the Program, Student agrees that continued participation in the Program after he/she attains 18 is deemed a ratification and adoption of all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

### **WISE PROGRAM AGREEMENT CONTROLS**

FULL NAME OF FATHER/GUARDIAN - SIGNATURE

Where there are any differences between this agreement and any other program materials, the Agreement shall control. WISE cannot be legally bound or committed by any person other than a duly authorized representative. Parties are required to follow this Agreement and cannot vary from its terms.

#### **MODIFICATION**

This agreement shall not be modified exept by a writing that is executed by all the parties hereto.

#### **SEVERABILITY**

In the event any clause, sentence, term or provision of the Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force.

We have read and fully understand the program materials and agree to adhere to the WISE Rules for Students and the WISE Program Agreement and Consent Agreements.

FULL NAME OF STUDENT - SIGNATURE

FULL NAME OF MOTHER/GUARDIAN - SIGNATURE

This agreement must be signed and dated by all parties. Please sign this form and submit to WISE. WISE will provide a completely signed form to the Guardian(s).

SIGNATURE OF WISE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR