



**Interculture**  
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## HOST FAMILY APPLICATION



**HOST FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH**  
(Please send a group photograph along with this form)

### HOME ADDRESS:

Province:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

Email\*:

### AFS STUDENT INFORMATION

This section to be completed by AFS Interculture South Africa National Office

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

## Host family description

**Father** (First name): \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother** (First name): \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

## Members

Please list all persons (father, mother, children, others) at home during the hosting period of the student

Name	Relationship	Birth date (dd/mm/yy)	Occupation

**\*PLEASE NOTE: EMAIL MUST BE REACHABLE!**

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**Placement Information**

1.  Intensive Programme (2 month)  Year Programme (10 month)

2. Month

July-September  September- July  February- January

3. What gender would your family prefer to host?

Male  Female  No Preference

4. How does your family feel about hosting a participant who is a vegetarian?

OK  Unacceptable

5. How does your family feel about hosting a participant who smokes cigarettes?

OK  \*Unacceptable

6. How does your family feel about hosting a participant who drinks alcohol?

OK  Unacceptable (Please note that, for participants under 18, it is against AFS rules for them to drink alcohol)

7. Which schools would you prefer AFS to enrol your participant?

Option 1

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Distance of school from home: \_\_\_\_\_(km). Mode of transport: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide us with an estimated cost of transport for student per month? \_\_\_\_\_ weeks \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2

School:

Distance of school from home: \_\_\_\_\_(km). Mode of transport: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you provide us with an estimated cost of transport for student per

month? \_\_\_\_\_ weeks \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Family members are currently studying at the same institutions:

Name	Institution	Grade

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9. Will the AFS participant have their own room or share?

- Has his/her own bedroom       Share room with \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that you can share a room not a bed

10. Please indicate any personality traits or characteristics **not acceptable** to your family:

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11. All AFS families are expected to provide a bed for each participant and three meals a day. Are you able to provide these two AFS standards to the student you host?

- Yes       No

12. Above and beyond these standards I am willing to provide the AFS student with the following:

- Community activities       Day trips       \*Holidays  
 Transportation       other \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are there any house chores that you expect the AFS student to perform?

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14. What are the house rules that an AFS student must abide by while in your house?

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15. Please explain why you would like to host an AFS student:

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16. What is the religion of your family?

- Christian       Islamic       Hindu       Jewish       other \_\_\_\_\_

17. Do any members of your family smoke?

- Yes       No

18. Do you have any pets?

-Inside:     Yes       No    what kind of pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

-Outside:    Yes       No    what kind of pet(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Do you have musical instruments available for the students to use?

No       Yes      if yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do any members of your family have a serious illness or chronic condition?

No       Yes      if yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

21. Please provide name of family members who can speak in any other languages besides English?

E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair, P=Poor

Name	Language	Level
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22. Does any family belong to a club or an organisation in the community?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

23. Have any members of your family participated in an AFS programme?

No       Yes      if yes, please specify:

Name	Year	Programme	Country

24. How did your family become interested in the AFS hosting programme?  
Media                                      Company                                      Friend  
\*School                                      Volunteer                                      other \_\_\_\_\_

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25. Describe the atmosphere at home and the activities usually enjoyed together:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

26. List family members who will **not** be at home during student's hosting? How often do these people return home?

Name	Relationship	Birth date (dd/mm/yy)	Present address	Return home (Frequency)

27. Please give information of home, community and social environment

(A) Description of home

- single house                                       town house  
 flat/apartment                                       home-office

(B) Location

- suburb                                      small town                                      rural area  
 near main road                                       far from main road  
 Industrial area                                       Residential area  
near a mall                                       near an internet café                                      near a gym

(C) Describe your community

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Mother Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please type your name, you can sign a hard copy later.)


## 5 Family Album

(Please send some more photographs that show your family along with this form)



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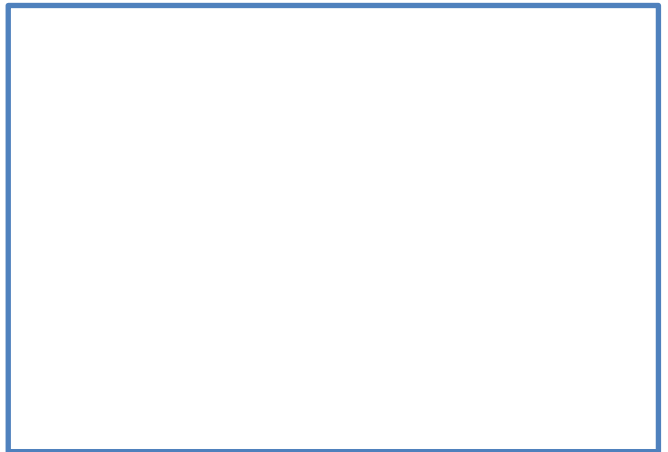
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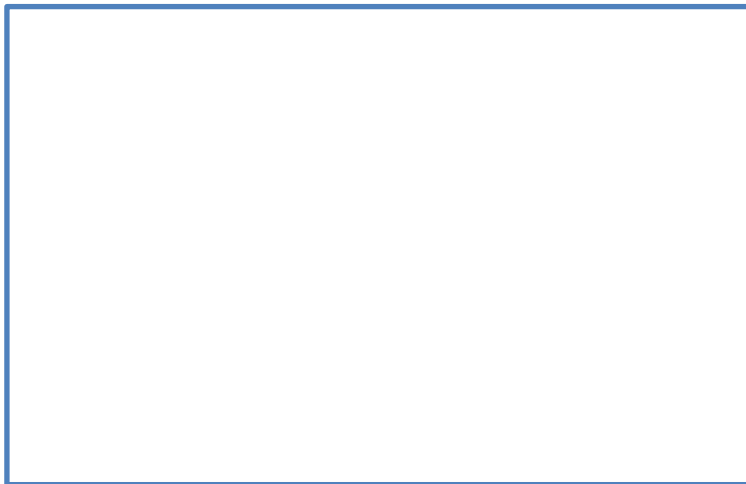
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**Letter of invitation**

ADDRESS



Dear Student,

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Name

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Signature

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Date

(Please type your name, you can sign a hard copy later.)



**ID Copies**

(Please send Police certified copies of your IDs along with this form.)

Father

Mother

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**Recent utility bill**

(Please send a copy of a utility bill that is less than three months old)

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, occupying most of the page below the text. It is intended for the user to paste a copy of a utility bill into it.

Dear Potential Host Family,

Following the 1994 elections, a new South Africa was born. Since the inauguration of Nelson Mandela and democracy, South Africa became a cultural melting pot and a popular tourist destination. People of all ages and from countries around the world are curious about our nation that made a peaceful transition from Apartheid to a Democratic society.

AFS Interculture South Africa provides a safe means for young people to experience life in this country: to enjoy our multi-cultural society, learn our languages, study in our school system, enjoy the beauty of the country, and most importantly to live with a caring host family. AFS Interculture South Africa places participants in host families of all cultures, in towns and cities throughout the country. Although many parts of the country are affected by crime, AFS Interculture South Africa only places a participant in an area that is considered safe.

Not only does hosting allow for the development of a relationship with a young person from another culture, but it also provides for intercultural learning without the expense of travelling abroad. Not to mention the ability to develop friendships with other families who host participants, and to become a part of the AFS family and facilitate the peace process in South Africa by sharing information about lifestyles and learning about new cultures.

AFS is recognised throughout the world for our support of programme participants and families. Support comes to you and your family in the form of a 24 hour Emergency contact number, a National Office in which staff are trained to give support to families and students. Preparation orientation also form part of our training provided to students before departure in their home country as well as an arrival orientation and an orientation at the middle and the end of the programme in South Africa. The host family receives a handbook with information important for taking up the role of hosting an exchange student. While Volunteer Chapters (where applicable) provide support and may organise social events for the participant to make sure that some of the students and your own concerns or great experiences are handled with efficiency and care and documented respectively.

AFS Interculture South Africa covers the costs of medical insurance, school fees, within reason, AFS organised orientations, and domestic travel to your town or city. Students and their natural parents are responsible for winter and summer school uniform, extra mural activities, eye care, dental care, medical care for pre-existing conditions before the AFS exchange year, preventive medicine, visa application cost, long distance phone calls, entertainment expenses and pocket money. As a family we ask that you take only the responsibility of the accommodation (according to AFS regulations, all participants must have their own bed) and food for your participants.

Joining our family means that your act of volunteerism will not go unnoticed. Your impact on this young life changes preconceptions about South Africa and who we are as a people.

We thank you for committing to our cause and hope to hear from you about your experiences soon,



Dennis Lane  
National Director