

To Parent/Guardian of Participants

Please read carefully and sign the following statement of conditions which constitute a formal parental release. After signing this form, submit it with your child's complete application.

I understand and accept the policies and conditions of ISE, including payment and cancellation policies (pgs. 52-58, www.isemn.org) and give my permission for my son/daughter to apply for and participate in the ISE program.

In consideration of acceptance of the participant for participation in the Intercultural Student Experiences program, the undersigned hereby releases Intercultural Student Experiences, its directors, officers, agents and cooperating teachers and schools from any and all legal responsibility, (except for their grossly negligent acts or omissions), including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Any and all claims of whatever nature for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from the use of any vehicle or services, strikes, war, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations or from any act or omission of any airline, railroad, bus transportation, sightseeing, hotel, foreign family or any other service or transporting company, firm, individual or agency, or for any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith;
- 2) Any injury regardless of nature or cause whether resulting or not in death, to the participant son/daughter of the undersigned whether alone or in association with others;
- 3) Any damage or injury regardless of nature or cause to property of the undersigned or his son/daughter, whether real, personal, or mixed;
- 4) Any financial or other obligations incurred by the undersigned or his son/daughter during the program, including without limitation obligations or liabilities incurred in any country in which the program is conducted;
- 5) Any taking, publishing or otherwise using photographs or films of the son/daughter of the undersigned, either alone or with others, during the course of the program as may be deemed acceptable by Intercultural Student Experiences.

The undersigned indemnifies and holds Intercultural Student Experiences, its directors, officers, agents and cooperating teachers and schools harmless from any damages or claims of legal liability, including reasonable attorneys fees and costs of defense, based upon or arising from the conduct of the participant son/daughter, including any violation of the "ISE Code of Conduct" set forth in the Intercultural Student Experiences information materials.

It is further agreed that Intercultural Student Experiences shall have full authority to take whatever action it deems necessary to safeguard the health, safety and well being of the participant. Such authority shall include authorization to secure medical treatment for the participant including the return of the participant to his home for medical treatment. Such authorization for action shall also be extended to the right to terminate participation in a program for failure to abide by standards of the program and/or instruction of his/her teacher-guide before or during the program. In such case the parents agree to bear the cost of all expenses related to the son/daughter's return to the USA and forfeit all program moneys paid.

Intercultural Student Experiences reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary or adjust program costs to reflect changes in group size, exchange rates, air costs, or extraordinary inflation overseas. ISE also reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient participation or to other circumstance beyond its control.

Signature of

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

ISE Family Stay Application

Please complete the following in the **TARGET LANGUAGE OF THE COUNTRY YOU WILL VISIT**. This information will be provided to your host family along with your "Dear Host Family" letter and photos.

What interests you and your family? What are your hobbies? (Be specific, e.g.: "I play basketball" instead of "I like sports."):

How would you describe yourself?

What types of travel experiences have you had?

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What do you hope to learn during your short stay in your host family's country?

Do you have a job? (Describe what you do and how often you work.)

Check your interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sports | <input type="checkbox"/> museum | <input type="checkbox"/> movies | <input type="checkbox"/> trying new foods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> boat ride | <input type="checkbox"/> watching tv | <input type="checkbox"/> reading | <input type="checkbox"/> swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dancing | <input type="checkbox"/> computers | <input type="checkbox"/> theater | <input type="checkbox"/> being with friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> camping | <input type="checkbox"/> hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other | _____ | | |

Check words that describe your family:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> active | <input type="checkbox"/> quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input type="checkbox"/> intellectual/academic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> musical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> talkative | <input type="checkbox"/> affectionate | <input type="checkbox"/> close-knit | <input type="checkbox"/> stay-at-home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other | _____ | | |

ISE Family Stay Application

How to write Your “Dear Host Family” Letter

First impressions count!

Show your host family that you’ve made an effort!

1. First write a rough draft in the host country language for your teacher to review. Describe where you live, your family members, your parents’ occupations, subjects you study, your extra-curricular activities, your job, your favorite music, movies and food, etc. Pose questions you have about them. End your letter by thanking your family for hosting you.

2. Now re-write your letter on the computer or in pen on nice stationery. Be sure to include your full name, mailing and e-mail addresses so your host family can contact you. Please limit your letter to 3 pages on paper no larger than 8.5 x 11”. No scrapbooks or scrapbook pages, please!

3. Attach your “Dear Host Family” letter and a current photo of yourself, either alone or with family, to your letter. Be sure to identify yourself in any group photos.

Note: Unacceptable letters and photos will be returned by ISE.

ISE Code of Conduct

I realize that while on the ISE program I am representing my country, my community, my school and my family. I will therefore strive to conduct myself in a manner appropriate to being a good ambassador. I understand and accept the ISE Code of Conduct below and pledge myself to honor it.

As an ISE Student...

1. I will commit myself to improving my communication skills in the foreign language and will speak it as much as possible.
2. I will cooperate with my leader(s) and honor rules that they set for me (e.g. curfews, punctuality, sign-out procedures and behavior in hotels).
3. I will dress and act appropriately at all times and be sensitive to the impression I am conveying in a culture other than my own; I will refrain from acquiring any tattoo or body piercing.
4. I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs; I will not accept or transport any of these.
5. I will refrain from romantic/sexual involvement of any kind and any behavior leading to it.
6. For my own safety I agree not to operate any motorized vehicle or be a passenger on any motorcycle.
7. I will not purchase or carry knives or any other article that may be considered a weapon.

We accept the Code of Conduct as a program requirement and agree that violations of it may result in expulsion from the program at our own expense.

Date _____ Participant's Signature _____

Date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

School Name _____

Traveling to _____ in the Spring / Summer
(name of country) (circle one)

ISE Application Checklist

My ISE application contains the following:

- Completed ISE Program Application signed by a parent/guardian
- Completed ISE Family Stay Application
- ISE Code of Conduct signed by the program participant and a parent/guardian
- A **\$350 deposit check or money order made payable to ISE**
Note: cash and/or credit cards payments are not accepted for the initial deposit. Please write your *name*, *school* and *destination* you are traveling to on the check. Your cancelled check is your receipt.
- Clip materials together and give them to your teacher, or (only if instructed by your teacher) mail to:



Intercultural Student Experiences
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Send us the following when you return to school in the fall:

- “Dear Host Family” letter** written in the target language of the country you will visit
- Two current photos of yourself**, either alone and/or with family. Be sure to identify yourself in any group photos.

Avoid late materials fees! Participants submitting “Dear Host Family” letters and photos postmarked after the deadlines below will incur a \$40 late materials fee.

October 15th for spring programs
November 1st for summer programs