



Best “Dear Host Family” Letter Award

Help your Students win Cash Prizes for the Best Letter!

Every year our family stay coordinators emphasize what a difference a quality letter makes. **Now YOU have the opportunity to nominate the student in your group who has written the best letter to his/her host family.**

Please review all the letters submitted by your students and nominate the **best one** (use the form below). Only teacher-nominated letters will be considered for this award.

As you evaluate your students’ letters, please bear in mind that the **best letters** have the following characteristics in common:

- **Overall appearance & creativity** (neatness, layout)
- **Quality content** (information for the host family about family, friends, school life, social life; asks questions of the host family)
- **Use of graphics, drawings, photos** (computer-generated letters are fine!)
- **Good use of the target language** (We do not look for grammatical perfection, but communication -- however simple -- should be clear.)
- **Size** (letter-size paper or stationery; it should not resemble a scrapbook).

Your students can find more tips for composing their family stay letters in the program booklet.

When you submit your application materials to ISE, please attach the **nomination form** below to the one you have chosen as the best letter. **Your student cannot win without you!**

¡Muchas gracias! Danke sehr! Merci beaucoup!

Your ISE Team

(Please cut here and attach to the letter.)

The ISE BEST LETTER NOMINATION FORM

I have attached this form to the letter I am nominating for the ISE Best Letter Award.

Name of Student: _____ **Language:** _____

Your Name: _____ **School:** _____