

### ***How Do You Contact A Host Family?***

Mrs. Rhona Goldman, the Host Family Program Director, will assign you to a host family, matching your interests as closely as possible. Your family will call or write to you to arrange a first meeting. Many visitors meet their family at the annual International Welcome Dinner given during Orientation week.

### ***For additional information Contact:***

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# Host Family Program

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### ***What is the Host Family Program?***

The Host Family Program provides a new international student or scholar with continuing friendship and involvement with a family in the United States. The Host Family Program was developed by a group of community residents in order to offer hospitality to international visitors. Everyone involved has the enriching experience of a cultural exchange and a new perspective about the world.

### ***Why Join the Host Family Program?***

Host families are interested in you! They want to share their culture and learn about yours. They have volunteered to meet you and to enrich your experience in the United States. The program offers you the unique opportunity to see American life from the viewpoint of the family rather than observing it from the distance of the campus.

### ***Who are the Host Families?***

The host families range from single individuals to young couples with small children, to retirees with grown families. In most families, both adults are working, yet they find time to volunteer in the Stony Brook area's many community organizations. Your hosts are active, involved, caring people

eager to help you understand the multi-textured fabric of American society and, to learn about your culture.

### ***How Do the Host Families Get Involved?***

Host families would like to share with you the experiences they enjoy as a family. They might invite you for dinners, holiday celebrations, and cultural events, sporting events or family outings. They are there to answer your questions and help you adjust to your new surroundings. **They do not offer financial assistance or housing.** They are there to become your friends.

### ***When and How Do I Join?***

You may join the program at any time, but it is best to apply before you arrive so that a family will be assigned to greet you during your first week at Stony Brook. The program lasts for as long as you wish to keep contact with your host family. Often, there are warm ongoing friendships even after you have returned home.

Please complete the enclosed application form and mail directly to Host Family contact (see back), or to International Services,  
2401 Computer Science Building,  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-4433, USA.

If you are married and are bringing your family with you to Stony Brook, please provide the name of your spouse and the name(s) and age(s) of your child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What languages do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been in the U. S. before? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
When? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously studied in the U. S.? \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have family or friends in the New York Area?  
\_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No.

If so, please list their names and addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any foods you do not eat? If so, please list them:

Do you have any allergies or special health related needs?

Please list your hobbies, interests and any instruments you play: \_\_\_\_\_

In the middle of this form, please tell us about yourself. What interests would you like to share with your host family? Your comments will help us find you an appropriate host family.

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Please complete this form and mail/fax it to: International Services, The Graduate School, Suite 2401 Computer Science Building, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11794 - 4433 Fax # (631) 632-7243

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please underline Family Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Stony Brook Address, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Stony Brook Telephone number, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Researcher \_\_\_\_\_ Professor \_\_\_\_\_

In which academic department will you be studying?  
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