



## LHU International Friendship Program

Every year, thousands of international students study at American universities. Few of these students, unfortunately, ever have the opportunity to visit an American home, and even fewer get to really know an American family.

With more than 110 international students on our campus every year, the Institute for International Studies (IIS) would like to help our international students to have the best experience possible while in this country. Building friendships with Americans and their families is an important part of this experience. Therefore, the IIS, through the International Friendship Program (IFP), will continue to seek to effectively match international students with LHU faculty and staff members who have volunteered to share American culture and traditions with them. These volunteers, in turn, have the opportunity to learn about the student's culture and customs, and perhaps even some of their language.

Separation from family and familiar cultural patterns is often a very difficult and frustrating experience for international students. By helping our international students understand American culture and offering friendship, volunteer hosts will ease the adjustment of our international students to Lock Haven and the United States.

The IFP does not require volunteers to provide any type of financial support or provide housing, but simply to share their lives and culture with our international students. You may choose to do this by inviting your student to your home, including them in special events - such as holiday celebrations, taking them shopping, to the movies or out for coffee, or just by giving them periodic calls on the telephone.

If you are interested in being a volunteer host for the IFP, please complete the application form on the next page and return it to Rosana Campbell at the IIS. If you would like further information, please contact Rosana at ext. 2723.

Sincerely,

*Rosana Campbell*

Rosana Campbell, Acting Director  
Institute for International Studies

LHU International Friendship Program Host Application

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (current / former) \_\_\_\_\_ Retired? \_\_\_\_\_

Current members of your household:

Name Relationship Age

(spouse, child, etc.)

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Interests and hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to meet students from: (please circle one):

Africa America Asia Europe Oceania No preference

I am available to host in the \_\_\_\_\_ fall \_\_\_\_\_ spring \_\_\_\_\_ academic year

Please return this application directly to: Institute for International Studies  
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Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania  
Lock Haven, PA 17745