



friendship force

DALLAS

FRIENDSHIP FORCE DOMESTIC AMBASSADOR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

A Friendship Force Exchange offers an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to share their lives with each other in the spirit of friendship. The success of the experience depends on the extent to which participants can build friendships, exercise flexibility, adapt to unforeseen difficulties, and promote understanding.

The following information is needed to help Friendship Force select Ambassadors who are representative of their community or region. Detailed information also helps us match Ambassadors with host families. Each applicant must complete and sign the Application and Agreement. We appreciate your cooperation.

1. Name _____
(last) (first) (middle)

2. Name as you would like it on your nametag _____
(first & last or nickname & last)

3. Check here if you already have a Friendship Force nametag _____

4. Address _____
(street address)

(city) (state) (zip / postal code) (country)

5. Home Telephone: (_____) _____

6. Work (_____) _____

7. Cell Phone: (_____) _____

8. E-mail: _____

9. Date of Birth: _____ -- _____ -- _____
(day) (month) (year)

10. Birthplace _____
(state) (country)

11. Sex: Male Female

12. Marital Status: Single Married

13. Employment: Working Retired

14. Current Job Title and Employer (previous job if retired): _____

15. Please give a short description of your work responsibilities (previous job if retired):

16. Interests and Hobbies - Circle all interests:

Outdoor Activities	Antiques	Sports-Spectator	Sports-Participant	Visiting Museums
Theater/Movies	Cooking	Animals	Music-Spectator	Music-Participant
Entertaining	Crafts	Volunteer Work	Dancing	Gardening/Farming
Family Activities	Reading	Photography	Traveling	Collecting-Stamps/Coins
Art	Other _____			

17. Please circle where you have previously traveled: Africa Asia Europe Latin-America Middle-East
North-America Russia/NIS South-Pacific Other domestic exchanges: _____
None

18. Please circle if you have participated in a home stay (or similar) program before: As a host As a visitor

19. Are you currently a member of a Friendship Force Club: Yes No (circle one)

If so, which one? _____

20. Do you smoke? Yes No (circle one)

21. Participation in a Friendship Force home-stay may require a greater level of physical activity than an Ambassador is accustomed to, such as carrying luggage, climbing stairs, riding public transportation, and walking longer distances, among others. Please list any physical limitations you have that should be taken into consideration:

(i.e., walk with a cane, difficulty climbing stairs, limited physical stamina)

22. Do you have any allergies or particular diet, health, or medical conditions that require special consideration?

Yes No If yes, please specify _____
(circle one) (i.e., vegetarian, allergy to penicillin or animals, high blood pressure, recent surgery)

Ambassadors may be required to provide supporting medical documentation.

23. If traveling with someone else please complete below. Each applicant should submit an application.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Age _____

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24. Ambassadors under 18 must travel with a parent or guardian. Ambassadors under 16 must be hosted together with a parent or guardian.

Name of guardian for youth under 18:

25. Person at home to contact in case of emergency:

(Name)

(Address)

(City-state-zip/postal code)

(Relationship)

(Telephone: Home)

(Cell)

(Work)

Personal Mission Statement:

Friendship Force International considers each Ambassador and Host to be a "Citizen Diplomat," a person committed to improving international relations through people-to-people diplomacy during and after the exchange.

To help judge your application, please write briefly in the space below a personal goal that you wish to accomplish through this exchange. It can be a spin-off project (i.e. establishing a sister-school link), a special connection (arranging a return visit by a musician or artist), or just making a lifelong friend. Think about how you can keep these personal and institutional relationships alive after you return home and share your goals with us here:

I have read the Ambassador Agreement provided with this Application and accept its terms. I hereby agree to secure adequate travel and medical insurance for the duration of the exchange. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have completed this application to the best of my knowledge and believe it is true.

_____ Signature of Ambassador	_____ Date	_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian	_____ Date
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If Ambassador is under 18 years old, both signatures are required.

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Club Participation:

Include your participation within last two years as a club officer (and length of time), Committee Chairperson, Exchange Director, Active Committee Member, Chair of Committee, Home Host, Day Host, Dinner Host during an Exchange, Shuttle Driver, participation in outbound exchanges, attend meetings, generally participate.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL DOMESTIC EXCHANGE: AMBASSADOR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Friendship Force International was founded in 1977 with a single mission: to create an environment where personal friendships are established across the barriers that separate people. A nonprofit organization, Friendship Force International is active in more than 50 countries, promoting friendship and goodwill through an extensive program of homestay exchanges. In consideration of his/her selection, the person signing this Agreement ("Ambassador") agrees to the following:

1. The Program Fee entitles the Ambassador to participate in a specific exchange and covers only the items specified in the itinerary. The schedule of payment of Program Fees must be observed.
2. **The Ambassador recognizes that connected with any travel there are risks of loss, damage, and injury to persons and property, and the Ambassador is willing to assume and bear those risks. The Ambassador also recognizes that he/she is responsible for failure to comply with any law of any country visited. Therefore, the Ambassador, in consideration of his/her selection by Friendship Force International, agrees to and does hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Friendship Force International (which shall include the directors, officers, and employees thereof, as well as its volunteer workers) from all claims, actions, and causes of action based upon or by reason of any loss, damage, or injury to the Ambassador's person or property, arising out of or in any manner connected with any aspect of the exchange program or by reason of the Ambassador's failure to comply with any law in any country in which he/she may travel in connection with the exchange program. Friendship Force International shall have no liability or obligation to return the Ambassador to his/her home community if the Ambassador should miss the return trip due to illness, injury, failure to report to the airport at the prescribed time, or for any other reason.**
3. All Friendship Force Ambassadors are required to secure adequate medical insurance to cover emergencies during the exchange. No travel, health, or accident insurance is provided by Friendship Force International, although one may be recommended. All travel will be subject to regulations and limitations contained in the ticket(s) issued to the Ambassador.
4. Any request for cancellation of this agreement must be made in writing to the local Exchange Committee and forwarded to Friendship Force International.
 - If you *withdraw* your application prior to August 4, 2012 (45 days prior to exchange) *or* if you are *not accepted* for the exchange, you will receive a full refund. If the exchange is **canceled**, your fee will be refunded.
 - If you **cancel** less than 45 days prior to departure, Dallas will refund your fee and FFI will refund half of your fee, but the fee going to Cincinnati will not be refunded.
 - In case of cancellation due to illness or death of an Ambassador or an immediate family member, Friendship Force International may require a medical doctor's certificate and airline ticket to process the refund.
5. Friendship Force International may cancel this agreement if it is unsuccessful in establishing an exchange which satisfies the goals of Friendship Force International for any reason, including cancellation of or unacceptable changes to the airline arrangements or failure of the local committee to recruit the required number of Ambassadors. In such cases, all of the Program Fee will be refunded.
6. The Friendship Force Ambassador hereby agrees to follow the provisions stated above and a) to participate fully in the homestay, b) to pay the Program Fee when due, c) to accept the decision making authority of the Exchange Director during the exchange, and d) to accept that the exchange is a public event and that the photograph and name of the Ambassador may be used by the local and national media and Friendship Force International in its publications.
7. Upon acceptance of the Ambassador into the exchange program, this Agreement shall become effective and binding upon Friendship Force International and the Ambassador, and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Georgia, USA. No representations, or statements, whether oral or written, other than those contained herein, shall be binding on Friendship Force International. In the event the Ambassador fails to abide by any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, Friendship Force International may terminate this Agreement without any penalty or liability to Friendship Force International.

Ambassador Pledge: *I agree to be an Ambassador of goodwill to the club I am visiting and I agree to live in the home assigned to me as a gracious and considerate guest, knowing that the standards and customs of that home may be different from my own.*

Signature of Ambassador

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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