**Global Studies and World Languages Academy**

### Host Application

**Guest Country**:

**(If applying for more than one, list in order of preference).**

***Follow these directions carefully!***

**Save your completed application file like this:**

**Lastname.countryname.travel or host**

**Here are examples. Gurley.NI.host or Gurley.CH.FR.travel**

**Abbreviations: GE, SP, NI, JO, FR, CH**

**If you are applying for more than one delegation, list in order of preference.**

**EMAIL your completed application to** **gswlatravel@gmail.com**

**If you do not follow these directions, you take the risk of your application getting lost and not being considered. You will receive a brief email confirming receipt. See Mrs. Gurley if you do not receive a confirmation email.**

## Part 1 Personal\Family Information

**Student’s Name****: Last       First** **Middle**

**Student I.D. Number**

**Address: Street** **City** **State** **Zip Code**

**Student’s Age** **Grade** **Birthdate: Month** **Day** **Year**

# Sex (Check One) [ ]  Male [ ]  Female

**Student Email Address**       **Student Cell Phone Number**

**Parent/Guardian Information**

**Father’s Name**

**Occupation** **Work Phone Number**

**Mother’s Name**

**Occupation       Work Phone Number**

# Parent E Mail Address

**Parent Home Telephone:**

**Emergency Contact**

**Name** **Relationship**

**Address**

**Home Telephone** **Work Telephone**

**Part 3 Host Student Information and Biography**

**1. What are your favorite academic subjects and in which do you excel?**

**2. In which world languages are you currently enrolled? Please list the level for each.**

 **List the highest level of any additional language you’ve studied.**

**3. Please describe your special interests and hobbies and how you like to spend your free time by discussing your interests in the following areas.**

#  Artistic interests:

#  Music interests:

 **Religious activities:**

 **Community and school volunteerism:**

 **Sports:**

 **Other clubs or activities:**

**4. Do you have a special talent you can share with the guest student?**

**[ ]  YES [ ]  NO If YES, please describe.**

**5. Please list any international travel experience you have had.**

6. Please type a 250 word letter to your guest student. Include information about your home, community, family, friends, and school life. Describe your personality and interests. What are your expectations from this exchange?

**Part 4 Personal and Health Information**

1. Do you have any health concerns that would impact the home environment?
2. [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

If yes, please explain any health concerns.

**2. Are you willing to accommodate a guest with a special diet?** **[ ]  YES** **[ ]  NO**

**3. Do you have pets? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO**

**If yes, please describe your pets.**

**4. Participants of this program are not allowed to smoke or consume alcohol. Will you comply with this requirement for the duration of the program? [ ]**  **YES [ ]  NO**

5. Is your home a non-smoking environment? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

6. Do you have internet access in your home so that your guest can stay in touch with family members? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

7. In selecting host families, every effort is made to match genders. In rare cases, it is not possible. Are you willing to host a student who is not the same gender? [ ]  YES [ ]  NO

**Criteria**

* In selecting host families, preference will be given to students who traveled to the destination.
* In selecting host families, preference will be given to students currently studying the home language of the guest.
* Academics, attendance, and discipline record are considered.
* Host families are required to attend one host family meeting with the chaperon in advance of the exchange.
* Prior to selection, a GSWLA staff member will visit the home of the applicant. The primary objective is to see that our visitors will be in a warm, welcoming, and clean environment. The staff member will use a checklist and make notes regarding the general condition of the home, pets, sleeping arrangements, and any safety concerns.

**Responsibilities of Host Family**

* Have a separate bed for the guest, but not necessarily a separate bedroom.
* Spend time with your guest (specifically in the evenings and on weekends when there are not school or school-related activities).
* Provide transportation for activities when transportation is not provided by the school.

Student drivers must follow **Virginia Laws for Teen Driving Restrictions**.

* Provide breakfast daily and any other meals that are not provided as a part of school activities and fieldtrips.
* Activities planned by the host family should be paid for by the host family.

**While staying in Virginia Beach**

* There will be free time on the weekends for hosts and guests to plan activities together.
* There will be day trips to Virginia Beach and surrounding cities. Host students will be able to participate in some, but not all fieldtrips.
* All fieldtrip costs for visiting students will be covered.
* When possible, all fieldtrip costs will be covered for hosting students.
* **Do not** plan any activities that require you to sign a liability waiver releasing the provider of responsibility due to injury.
* If an emergency occurs, contact the GSWLA coordinator and the delegation chaperon.

Do not cover any medical expenses. Medical expenses are the responsibility of the visiting chaperon.

**Special Notes**

* See this website for information about the exchange. <http://gswla.weebly.com/index.html>
* Dates of the exchange are subject to change.
* Host applications will be forwarded to the guest families of the travel destination.
* School missed during the exchange is noted in the school record as ACTIVITY and does not count as an absence.
* The students are responsible for making arrangements with their teachers for missed assignments.
* Students earn 4 cultural events for hosting students.

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Parent or Guardian Signature (can be added during home visit) Date