**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**](mailto: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