



Friendship Family Program

Office of International Programs

What is the Friendship Family Program?

The Office of International Programs matches international students with local families with the goal being for the student to experience American culture outside of Lander. We also hope that the student will share his/her culture with you and your family. "This is the start of what could be a lifelong relationship where you and your student will learn from each other and grow together. We hope that this experience will encourage you to break stereotypes, discover your own city, and continue the international experience once your student returns to his/her home country. Hosting is a small but essential step in contributing to world peace, tolerance, and understanding – it happens one relationship at a time." (NAFSA)

I live by myself; can I still participate in the Friendship Family Program?

Yes; singles are welcome to participate in the Friendship Family Program!

What do you do as a Friendship Family?

Activities with friendship families depend on the interests of the family and student. Activities previous friendship families have done together include: buying groceries trips to the grocery store, watching a movie, going out for coffee, attending plays, concerts, and sporting events, visiting an apple orchard, carving pumpkins for Halloween, dying Easter eggs, and celebrating holidays.

Does the student live with my family and me?

No, the student will not live with you and your family. If you are comfortable with the student and would like to invite him or her to stay at your home during holiday breaks, you are welcome to do so. Also, there is no financial obligation on your part to the student or Lander.

Do I need to do something with my student every week?

No, but we ask that you spend time with your student at least once a month as this is an exciting opportunity for you and your student.

How do I sign up for the Friendship Family program?

Please complete the Friendship Family questionnaire/application. Once completed, please return it to the Office of International Programs by mail or electronically to jconstant@lander.edu.

Once we receive the form, your name will be added to our list and we will match you with a student as soon as one is available!



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The Friendship Family Program is a wonderful opportunity for families to share American culture while learning about another.

Expectations of Friendship Families:

- * Provide practical assistance to help student settle into their new environment
- * Provide knowledge of the American way of life/culture
- * Provide caring, friendly emotional support when needed
- * Invite student to family activities and holiday events, as appropriate

Friendship families **DO NOT** provide financial assistance to the student.

For more detailed expectations please see the attached Friendship Family Program description, or contact Jeff Constant, Director, International Students and Scholar Services at 864.388.8896.

1. Contact Person: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ Nationality: _____

2. Other adults in household: _____ Nationality: _____

_____ Nationality: _____

3. Children: _____

(Please list approximate ages of children)

4. Address: _____

5. Telephone: _____ 6. E-mail: _____

7. Do you or does someone in your household smoke? _____

8. Do you have a pet(s). If yes what kind? _____

9. If a Lander employee, what department do you work in and what is your campus mailing address?

10. Languages spoken in the household besides English: _____

11. What are your interests, hobbies and/or activities? _____

12. What activities would you like to do with your friendship student? _____

(Continue to fill out in the back)

