

# HOST FAMILIES

Open your heart and home to an international student!

## Program Information

Tree of Life accepts international students in middle and senior high school who come on a student visa. Tree recognizes this program as a missional opportunity, as international students participate in Bible class daily, and learn more about Jesus as they attend church and engage with their host families..

## Reverse Mission Trip

Students come to the U.S. to complete a high school diploma with the goal of attending university and then returning to their country of origin. Many come from China, where the gospel is not openly taught. While students are here, they learn about Christianity and more importantly, experience Christ's love in daily life. By hosting an international student, you can utilize your home as a mission field! No language school or passport required for this mission trip.

## Cultural Experience

Students look forward to sharing their culture, food, and holidays with their host families. Broaden your family's experience by hosting an international student!



## Make an Impact

**Tree of Life Christian Schools is seeking host families for our international program**



Students range from 7th to 12th grades, and come from China as well as other countries. Tree partners with host families to provide a loving Christian home environment where international students truly begin to understand Christ's love for them.



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## Host Responsibilities

Host families provide a bedroom, meals, and transportation to and from school and related activities. Hosts are asked to make a one year commitment, August through May. Hosts view the student as a new family member, rather than a guest, in the home. Students look forward to this experience as an opportunity to have siblings, learn more about American culture, and practice English outside of school. Host families receive a monthly stipend to cover living expenses; students provide their own spending money.

## We are Interested!

After you prayerfully consider and discuss this opportunity with family members, the application process is simple. You will be asked to fill out an application, then the program director will conduct an in-home interview and complete a background check. Complete training materials are provided. Host families receive ongoing support, training, and temporary respite care if unexpected situations arise.

## Next Steps

Contact the International Program director at 614-263-2688 or email [international@tolcs.org](mailto:international@tolcs.org)

*"This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students"*

## Rewarding Experience



Hosting can be a fun experience for the whole family. Students and their parents recognize that by opening up

your home, you are helping them in their educational experience in the U.S.

"It's been great living with my host at Tree of Life.. We spend time together as a family doing things. My host sisters are really nice and we play a lot."

- Nathalie Camposeco, *Guatemala, 9th grade*

## What can we expect?

Students are carefully screened during the interview process, and host family applicants receive information about the student prior to making a decision. Tree of Life values your family and will be with you every step of the way. Expect to grow together, learn about another culture, and to be a blessing to an international student who God has brought to the United States.



Join us on the adventure!