



Learning Abroad Center

Family Placement Preference Form

Minnesota Studies in International Development

This form will be sent to the on-site staff in your MSID country. All students will be living with families. Type or print clearly with black ink. Note that this information may be shared with your homestay family. Keep in mind that homestay families may have an American from another program in the household; please be prepared for this possibility.

Along with this form, please submit the following:

- A brief letter of introduction for your host family/families (200 words). Write in Spanish if you are going to Ecuador, in French if you are going to Senegal, and in English if you are going to Kenya or India. Some topics you may wish to include are your family, hometown, educational background, career interests, and hobbies.
- Two photos of yourself, preferably with family members. These photos must be recent and will be used as part of your host family's introduction to you.

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Gender _____ MSID Country _____ Term _____

1. **Note that the following facilities/services may not be consistently available to you in your host family's home and often are not available in rural internship locations: indoor bathrooms, own bedroom, electricity, phone service, running water.**

Given this reality, indicate any special needs you may have.

2. **Indicate any preferences you have regarding the areas below. Keep in mind that we cannot guarantee your preference.**

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| a. Small children | Yes _____ | No _____ | No preference _____ |
| b. People your own age | Yes _____ | No _____ | No preference _____ |
| c. Pets | Yes _____ | No _____ | No preference _____ |

3. **Do you smoke?**

Yes _____

No _____

We will attempt to place non-smoking students in a non-smoking household, but this is not always possible and in some cultures is very difficult to arrange.

4. Do you have any allergies?

No _____

Yes, but not severe _____ (Describe below.)

Yes, severe _____ (List source, severity, and method of treating the reaction below.)

5. Do you have any dietary restriction?

Yes _____ (If yes, describe and list reasons below i.e. health, personal, religious, doctor's restriction)

No _____

Note: Vegetarians need to keep in mind that most families serve meat, and vegetarians may need to supplement their own diets at restaurants, etc. India is the exception, as many Indian families are vegetarian.

6. For India participants only: Would you be willing to share a homestay with another MSID participant? For females in particular, past participants have found a roommate helpful.

Yes _____

No _____

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