



## Carroll Christian Schools Foreign Student Program

Thank you for expressing some interest in this program. I wanted to kind of lay out what the program entails and hopefully answer any questions. These students may come from homes that have a lot of money or they may come from homes that made a sacrifice to send a child here. They are usually polite and well mannered. They will speak some English when they arrive, and they will pick up more of the spoken language quickly. The key is to keep them speaking English. When they are with their friends from the same language they should speak in English. It is the only way to build the vocabulary. Reading and writing come a little slower although they have been working on it. So they should be able to communicate with you. They may need some help with homework, etc. but they are typically good students. They usually excel in Math and Science. They usually need to be taught how to study properly for classes with memorization (History and Bible. They often do not come from a Christian background. You have the opportunity to be part of a great blessing. We pray that they will come here and come to know Christ as their Savior. We want them in church and Christian School. The desire is to see them get saved, grow in the Lord and return home stronger in their faith and ready to serve the Lord with their lives. God will bless you and your family for this eternal investment. In over 19 years of working with foreign students like this I have had the privilege of seeing many of them come to know Christ as their Savior.

As one who is hosting a student, I can tell you that it is a great blessing. If you are expecting a perfect situation, you will probably be disappointed. These teenagers are just like our American teenagers. They also have the difficulty of learning a new language. However, the investment (time, energy, emotions) that you make will be well worth it. This program can make a positive difference in your life and your family as well as impact a life for eternity. It is a sacrifice, but one that you will not regret. The number of host families that recommit for another year is a good indicator of the value of the program and the blessings on the home. My family made excuses (cost, time, room, fear of not fitting in, etc.).

When we finally became a host family the result of the excuses was that none of the excuses were a factor and God has blessed us with a great opportunity.

Please understand that we are asking for a family to host them for one year. Some students may come for longer than that and you are welcome to continue to host them, but there is no obligation. If they come back and you are not

interested we can find another host. I do want to caution you though. The experience is not like boarding a student. If things go the way that they should they usually tend to become a part of your family. You will be attached. You will miss them like you miss your own children if they go away. You will cry when it is time to send them home. You will want to stay in contact with them when they go home. What I am saying is that you may intend one year, and that is fine. However, when you get attached it will be hard to let them go. They will be like your child and a sibling to your kids. When you open your heart to them it usually becomes a lifelong commitment because they will be a part of you. Again, there is no pressure to do more than one year. I just want you to know up front that you will get attached and should. I have my foreign students do family devotions, prayer time, vacation, Christmas, etc. with us just like they are part of the family. My rules for them are the same as for my own children. I would recommend laying out the ground rules right away. They need to know the expectations. They will meet them. A common mistake is to be soft in the beginning because they are “adjusting”. They need to see the standards firm from the beginning. It is hard to be loose and then tighten them later.

Please do not feel any pressure. We want this to be God’s will. This letter is just an explanation since you inquired about the program. I do need to begin the process soon so if you are interested please let me know. If you are not, that is fine. I totally understand.

### **If you have any questions**

Please feel free to ask Mrs. Haines at [lhaines@carrollchristian.com](mailto:lhaines@carrollchristian.com) or David Moore at [dmoore@carrollchristian.com](mailto:dmoore@carrollchristian.com). We can also have you talk to other host families.

### **Students**

We currently have students from Colombia, China, Korea, Nigeria, and Russia. We have some other students who are interested in coming.

### **Arrival**

They will usually arrive in mid-August depending on when they get their visa and flight. You may be able to help determine when.

## **Cost**

1. Room and Board- Please discuss with Mr. Moore at [dmoore@carrollchristian.com](mailto:dmoore@carrollchristian.com)
2. Their Tuition and school expenses (uniforms, sports fee, field trips, retreats, ipads, etc.) are covered by their parents.