

FIS HOST PROGRAM

STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE 2011/2012

We will use the information from this questionnaire to make the best match possible between you and a local family so please provide detailed information where appropriate. Some of the information will be shared with your host family so that they will have a sense of who you are. **Please PRINT clearly.** Thank you.

Name: _____ Male or Female
First Name *Family Name*

Office use only: Middlebury contact information: Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The name you prefer to be called: _____

Home address (street, city, country, etc.) _____

High school you graduated from: _____ Country of high school _____

Exchange students only—Name of your current university _____

Country your high school was located in: _____

When you arrive on campus, will you be a (Select one) First-Year Student? Transfer? Exchange?

Country of Citizenship: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Month / Day / Year

Please list the members of your family (names/relationship to you/ages).

I consider myself to be: (Select one) Outgoing Somewhat Outgoing Somewhat Quiet Quiet

What are your hobbies and interests? (Please provide a list below. You might want to include things such as: outdoor activities, sports, reading, watching movies, music, creative arts, etc.)

What are your academic interests? (Please provide a list below.)

What are your post-college career interests? (If you have any, please provide a list below.)

Do you have any concerns about being matched with a family that has pets?

Do you smoke? (Select one) Yes or No

Would you be willing to be placed in a non-smoking household? (Select one) Yes or No

Would you be willing to be placed in a family that has smokers? (Select one) Yes or No

Do you have any allergies your host family should know about? (Select one) Yes or No
If yes, please explain.

Are there any foods you cannot or do not eat? (Select one) Yes or No
If yes, please explain.

Do you have a religious affiliation? (Select one) Yes or No

(a) If yes, what religion do you practice?

(b) If yes, do you have religious practices that you would like your family to know about? (Provide details.)

How would you feel about being placed with a family that practices a religion *different* from yours?

How would you feel about being placed with a family that practices a religion *the same* as yours?

How would you feel about being placed with a host family that *does not practice* a religion?

Have you traveled abroad before? (Select one) Yes or No

If yes, please describe those experiences below (location/duration/purpose of trip).

Have you had a host family experience before? (Select one) Yes or No

If yes, please describe the experience in the space below (when/duration of time/level of involvement).

How involved do you expect/hope to be with your Middlebury College host family? Please include how frequently you envision seeing or having contact with your host family (in person, by phone, via e-mail, etc.)

What are some of the concerns or worries you have about coming to the U.S. and to Middlebury College?

Some host families are extremely active in the local community. Would you be interested in a host that is involved in any of the following organizations? *Choose all that would be of interest. Feel free to add details.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Teams (volunteer coaching or as a spectator) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Middle School or High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Theatre |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouts/Guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/outdoor/nature activity groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anything—it does not matter | |

Comments:

What language(s) do you speak?

Often hosts request to be matched with students who are interested in occasionally conversing in their native languages with a host family member who is interested in that language. Please indicate how interested you would be in doing that.

- Very interested
- Somewhat interested
- Not interested

The following items are optional additional information that we hope would help your host family gain an insight into your interests, your home country and your culture.

A favorite book:

A favorite musician, artist or film director:

A book you would recommend to your host as a way to get a glimpse of life in your home country:

What else would you like your host family to know about you? *Please feel free to use this page for this response. You may want to do it in the form of a letter. Please include information about yourself and things you hope to experience when you come to the U.S., to Middlebury, Vermont, and to the College.*

Your Name: _____

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will use this information to make the best matches possible.

This information is for ISSS only, and we will not share this information with the host families.

In the U.S., families take many forms. We encourage students to view the host program as an opportunity to meet new people with diverse experiences. Please indicate your preferences by numbering the list below in order of your preferences. We cannot match everyone with their top preference, but we will make an effort to place you with the best match possible. *(Please rank from 1 to 10 with 1 being your first choice.)*

____ Couple with no children

____ Retired couple

____ Family with children away at college or grown children

____ Single person (female)

____ Couple living with/near extended family

____ Single person (male)

____ Family with teenagers

____ Same gender couple (female)

____ Family with young children

____ Same gender couple (male)

Of all the questions in this questionnaire, which category is most important to you?

(Please rank 1–3, with 1 being your first choice.)

____ Family Type (above)

____ Similar interest and hobbies

____ Similar academic interest/post-college career interest

If you have any concerns about being matched with a certain family type (see list above), you may express them below. This will not be shared with your host.

I have concerns about being placed with _____

I have no concerns about being placed with any of the above.

Sometimes host families are willing to take more than one student. Would you like to be matched with a family with another Middlebury College student? Yes or No

Please share any other information that you think will help us with your matching process:

To participate in the FIS Host Program, please submit your questionnaire by May 1. We will still accept applications after that date; however, we will not be able to guarantee a match in October of your first term. You may return the completed form by mail to Ben Bruno, International Student and Scholar Services, Middlebury College, Carr Hall, Middlebury, VT 05753 U.S.A. Or, you may scan and e-mail or fax it to us at 802.443.2063. If you have any questions, contact International Student and Scholar Services by e-mail at iss@middlebury.edu or by telephone at 802.443.5858.