

Dear Family,

Thank you for your interest in inviting an international student into your home. This handbook contains important program information. Please read it carefully and keep it for later reference. To participate in the program please complete, sign, and date the attached registration form. Return the completed form to Sharon Hamby, Admissions Assistant, at St. Mary's School. You may contact her at (541)414-1207 or shamby@smschool.us.

Best wishes,



Ronda Sheffield
International Program Director

International Friends and Family Program FAQ's

Why invite an international student into our home?

There are a number of reasons!

- The students are amazing and come with a variety of interesting backgrounds.
- It is a fun way to learn more about another culture and language.
- It gives your family a different perspective on the world.
- If your child were on the opposite end of the world, wouldn't you like him/ her to have a nice family to visit with once in a while?

How do we participate?

Simply read this handbook and submit the attached completed registration form to Sharon Hamby, Admissions Assistant, at (541)414-1207 or shamby@smschool.us.

How many students can we invite into our home?

Depending on the number of students and families who participate, one or two is preferred. This doesn't mean, however, you cannot invite additional students.

What if our plans change while the student is at our house?

Dan Griffiths, Director of International Student Life is responsible for the students' dormitory life. Whether the student wants to stay longer or you need to bring him or her back to the dorm sooner, please contact Dan at (541)840-9951 or dgriffiths@smschool.us.

Can the student(s) stay overnight?*

Absolutely! However, arrangements must be made prior to an overnight stay. Please contact Dan Griffiths for specific details.

Do the students have health insurance?

Yes, they all do and they should be carrying their insurance card with them. If they do not have their card, please contact Sharon Hamby, Admissions Assistant, at (541)414-1207

or shamby@smschool.us or Ronda Sheffield, International Program Director, at (541)414-1266 or rheffield@smschool.com.

Please note: unless an overnight stay is approved in advance student(s) must return to the dorm before their curfew.

Curfew Hours: Sunday through Thursday nights – 11:00pm
Friday and Saturday nights - 12:00pm

What do the student(s) like to eat?

Ask them! They generally like pizzas and most everything!

What if the student has food allergies? Or allergies to household pets or other animals?

We will let you know prior to any visit but please double check with the student, as well.

Will the student be able to attend church?

Yes. They attend all masses at school. Please ask the student if attending church is an activity in which he or she wants to participate.

What kinds of activities are approved?

Dinner at your house or out	Watching a movie
Going to friend's house	Seeing concerts or plays
Hiking	Snow-shoeing
Shopping	Going to lunch
Bowling	Doing community service
Crafts	Bicycle riding (with a helmet)
Playing games	Fishing
Celebrating a birthday	Playing sports

These activities require prior student family and St. Mary's School consent. Please contact Ronda Sheffield, International Program Director, at (541)414-1266 or rsheffield@smschool.us.

Rock climbing	Skiing (helmet required)
Camping	Water skiing
Traveling in or out of state	Boating (life jacket required)
Camping	Kayaking (life jacket required)

The following activities are NOT allowed

Hunting
Shooting
Archery
Horseback riding
Sky diving

International Friends and Family Program Handbook Registration Form

If you are interested in participating in SMS's International Friends & Family Program please complete this form and return to Sharon Hamby, Admissions Assistant. If you have questions or need additional help please contact either Sharon Hamby or Ronda Sheffield.

Please Print:

First Name:

Last Name:

Names and ages of children in your family:

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| 1. Name: | Age: | School Grade: |
| 2. Name: | Age: | School Grade: |
| 3. Name: | Age: | School Grade: |
| 4. Name | Age: | School Grade: |

What type of activities does your family participate in that you all enjoy?

Do you have YES NO If so, what
pets? type(s)?

Do you have a specific international student with whom you want to be matched?

What other information should we consider when placing an international student with your family?

I, _____ have read and agree to the terms of
the International Friends & Family Program Handbook.

Scheduling or Travel Arrangements

For scheduling or making arrangements to pick up or drop off students at the SOU dorms please contact

Dan Griffiths, Director of International Student Life,

541.840.9951 or dgriffiths@smschool.us

Medical Emergency

In the event of an emergency medical situation and before proceeding with any surgery/treatment/therapy, please contact

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