



The Friendship Force of Lincoln, Nebraska Ambassador Application

A Friendship Force Exchange offers an opportunity for people from different parts of the world to share their lives with each other in the spirit of friendship. The success of the experience depends on the extent to which participants can build friendships, exercise flexibility, adapt to unforeseen difficulties/circumstances, and promote understanding.

The following information helps The Friendship Force of Lincoln to select Ambassadors who are representative of their community and/or region. Detailed information also helps match Ambassadors with host families. Each applicant must complete and sign the Application and Agreement. We appreciate your cooperation.

Name as shown on passport _____

Name as you would like it on your nametag _____

Do you have a Friendship Force nametag? Yes No

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace (state & country) _____

Age _____ Sex _____ Marital Status Married Single

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

Passport Number: _____ Passport Expiration Date: _____

Please note any languages you speak other than your own and check your proficiency in that language.

Language _____ Excellent Good Fair Poor

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Current Job Title and Employer (previous job if retired) _____

Please give a short description of your work responsibilities (previous job if retired): _____

Interests and Hobbies - Check as many as applicable:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Antiques | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports-Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Museums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre/Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports-Spectator | <input type="checkbox"/> Music-Participant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Music-Spectator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traveling | <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting- Stamps/Coins | <input type="checkbox"/> Other??? |

Please explain any interests or hobbies that would help the committee match you with a guest, guest couple, or guest family: _____

Do you smoke? Yes No

Do you have any allergies, physical limitations, special diet or health conditions that require special consideration? Yes No If yes, please specify _____

(i.e., vegetarian, walk with a cane, allergic to penicillin, high blood pressure) _____

Please check where you have travelled:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America | <input type="checkbox"/> South America | <input type="checkbox"/> Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> North America | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific | | | | |

Please check if you have participated in a homestay (or similar) program before: As a host As a visitor

Are you currently a member of a Friendship Force Club Yes No

If so, which one? _____

If travelling with someone else, please complete below. Each applicant should submit an application.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Age _____

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Ambassadors under 18 must travel with a parent/guardian. Ambassadors under 16 must be hosted together with a parent/guardian.

Name of guardian for your under 18 _____

Person at home to contact in case of emergency.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship _____ Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Personal Mission Statement:

The Friendship Force considers each Ambassador and Host to be a "Citizen Diplomat", a person committed to improving national relations through people-to-people diplomacy during and after the exchange.

Thus, to help judge your application, please indicate briefly in the space below a personal goal you wish to accomplish through this exchange. It can be a spin-off project (i.e. establishing a sister-school link), a special connection (arranging a return visit by a musician or artist), or just making a lifelong friend. Think about how you can keep these personal and institutional relationships alive after you return home and share your goals with us here:

I have read the Ambassador Agreement provided with this Application. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have completed this application to the best of my knowledge and believe it is true.

Signature of Ambassador Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian Date



The Friendship Force Ambassador Agreement

If selected by The Friendship Force, Inc. ("The Friendship Force") to participate in an exchange as defined below, and in consideration of his/her selection, the person signing this Agreement ("Ambassador") agrees to the following:

1. A Friendship Force exchange is a visit between people from communities in two different countries for the purpose of initiating friendships with native citizens. The exchange usually lasts -two weeks, with a minimum of seven days home hosting where available. The Friendship Force will coordinate air transportation, usually on regularly scheduled service, and will assist with any ground transportation needed between the communities involved. The Friendship Force will also work with the Exchange Committee in the host community to coordinate an in-home stay for a period of one week, and planned activities during that week. Where home hosting is not available, The Friendship Force will coordinate cultural and social activities with citizens or organizations in the country being visited. If an optional tour program is offered following the First week of home hosting, the Ambassador may choose this option instead of continuing the homestay. In this case, the Ambassador is responsible for the additional expense of this tour option.
2. The Program Fee entitles the Ambassador to participate in a specific exchange and covers the following: round trip transportation to and from the specified gateway city; accommodations in a host home for one week and hotel accommodations otherwise; and planned activities in the exchange city. The schedule of payment of Program Fees must be observed.
3. The Friendship Force has helped coordinate the exchange and has arranged for home hosting, where available and hotel accommodations otherwise. However, any liability or responsibility of The Friendship Force is limited by the release and indemnity provisions below. Also, The Friendship Force shall have no liability or obligation to return the Ambassador to his/her home community if the Ambassador should miss the return trip due to illness, injury, failure to report to the airport at the prescribed time, or for any other reason.
The Ambassador recognizes that connected with any travel there are risks of loss, damage, and injury to persons and property, and the Ambassador is willing to assume and bear those risks. The Ambassador also recognizes that he/she is responsible for failure to comply with any law of any country visited. Therefore, the Ambassador, in consideration of his/her selection by The Friendship Force, agrees to and does hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless The Friendship Force (which shall include the directors, officers, and employees thereof, as well as its volunteer workers) from all claims, actions, and causes of action based upon or by reason of any loss, damage, or injury to the Ambassador's person or property, arising out of or in any manner connected with any aspect of the exchange program or by reason of the Ambassador's failure to comply, with any law in any country in which he/she may travel in connection with the exchange program.
4. No travel, health, or accident insurance will be administered by The Friendship Force for the exchange program; however, trip cancellation, medical evacuation, health, accident and luggage insurance is strongly recommended. All travel will be subject to regulations and limitations contained in the ticket(s) issued to the Ambassador.
5. Any request for cancellation of this agreement must be made in writing to the local Exchange Committee and forwarded to The Friendship Force. Ambassadors who cancel 61 days prior to departure will be refunded the full Program Fee except for the \$25 non-refundable application fee paid *to the local committee. Ambassadors who cancel less than 61 days prior to departure will be refunded the Program Fee, less the following: the \$25 non-refundable application fee paid to the local committee; a \$50 hosting fee per week of hosting where applicable; and any applicable airline or other such cancellation fees levied by travel suppliers and a \$50 cancellation fee.
In case of cancellation due to illness or death of an Ambassador or an immediate family member, The Friendship Force may require a medical doctor's certificate and airline ticket to process the refund.
The Friendship Force may cancel, this agreement if it is unsuccessful in establishing an exchange which satisfies the goals of The Friendship Force for any reason, including cancellation of or unacceptable changes to the airline arrangements or failure of the local committee to recruit the required number of Ambassadors. In such cases, all of the Program Fee will be refunded except the \$25 portion designated as non-refundable.
6. Any price increase for transportation will be passed on to the Ambassador until the time that the full Program Fee is received at the international office of The Friendship Force in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. After that time, no Increase will be passed on to the Ambassador, except in the case of carrier or routing changes beyond the control of The Friendship Force.
7. The Friendship Force Ambassador hereby agrees to follow the provisions stated above and: a) to attend training workshops, b) to accept travel arrangements as arranged by The Friendship Force, c) to participate fully in the homestay, d) to pay the Program Fee when due, e), to accept that the exchange is a public event and that the photograph and name of the Ambassador may be used by the local and national media and The Friendship Force in its publications.
8. Upon acceptance of the Ambassador into the exchange program, this Agreement shall become effective and binding upon The Friendship Force and the Ambassador, and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Georgia, USA. No representations, or statements, whether oral or \written, other than those contained herein, shall be binding on The Friendship Force. In the event the Ambassador fails to abide by any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, The Friendship Force may terminate this Agreement without any penalty or (liability to The Friendship Force).
I agree to be an Ambassador of goodwill to the country I am visiting and I agree to live in the home assigned to me knowing that the standards of that home may be different from my own and that the host family has a culture or language different from my own. If home hosting is not available, I understand that I will be traveling for the sole purpose of extending friendship to the citizens of that country.