

AMBASSADOR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

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, and promote understanding.

The following information is needed to help Friendship Force International and Exchange Directors select Ambassadors who are representative of their community or region. In the event the applicant is not able to meet in person with the exchange director, you will be asked to provide references and other supporting documentation. Detailed information also helps us match Ambassadors with host families. Each applicant must complete and sign the Application and Agreement. We appreciate your cooperation.

General Ambassador Information		
1. Name as shown on passport:		
2. Contact Information		
(a) Address:		
(b) Home Phone:	3. Gender:	6. Marital Status:
(c) Cell Phone:	4. Date of Birth (<i>mm/dd/yy</i>)	7. Passport Expiration Date (<i>mm/dd/yy</i>)
(d) Email:	5. Passport Number:	
Ambassador Personal History		
8. Please note any languages you speak other than your own and your proficiency (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor)		
Language:	Language:	
9. Career Information		
(a) Are you currently working? Yes No	(b) Occupation (previous if retired):	
10. Interests and Hobbies:		
11. Have you participated in a home stay (or similar) before? Yes: No		
12. Are you currently a member of a Friendship Force Club? Yes No		
If yes, which one?		
13. (a) Do you smoke? Yes No (b) Do you mind if your host smokes inside the home? Yes No		
14. Are you comfortable with pets living inside the host's home? Yes No		

Health and Mobility

15. (a) Participation in a Friendship Force home-stay may require a greater level of physical activity than an Ambassador is accustomed to, such as carrying luggage, climbing stairs, riding public transportation, and walking longer distances, among others. (For more specific health and mobility requirements for this exchange, please ask the Exchange Director for the Health and Mobility Checklist from the host club.) Are you capable of these activities? Yes No

If no, please elaborate:

(b) Do you have any particular diet, health, medical or allergy issues that require special consideration? Yes No

If yes, please specify (e.g., vegetarian, allergy to penicillin, allergy to animals, high blood pressure). *Ambassadors may be required to provide supporting medical documentation to be accepted on the exchange.*

(c) Please provide a reference that your Exchange Director or FFI may contact to verify your ability to participate fully in this exchange (preferably the last ED you traveled with):

Reference Name:	Relationship:
Contact Number:	Email:

Contact Information

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

Name:	Relationship:	Age:
Name:	Relationship:	Age:

17. Contact in case of emergency:

Contact 1 Name:	Relationship:
Phone Number:	Email:
Contact 2 Name:	Relationship:
Phone Number:	Email:

Personal Mission Statement

Friendship Force International considers each Ambassador and Host to be a "Citizen Diplomat," a person committed to improving international relations through people-to-people diplomacy during and after the exchange. To help judge your application, please write briefly in the space below a personal goal that you wish to accomplish through this exchange. Think about how you can keep these personal and institutional relationships alive after you return home and share your goals with us here:

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FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Friendship Force International was founded in 1977 with a single mission: to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people. A nonprofit organization, Friendship Force International is active in more than 50 countries, promoting friendship and goodwill through an extensive program of homestay exchanges. In consideration of his/her selection, the person signing this Agreement ("Ambassador") agrees to the following:

1. The Ambassador Fee entitles the Ambassador to participate in a specific exchange and covers only the items specified in the itinerary. The schedule of payment of Ambassador Fees must be observed.
 2. 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 Friendship Force International, agrees to and does hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Friendship Force International (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. Friendship Force International 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.
 3. All Friendship Force Ambassadors are required to secure adequate travel and medical insurance to cover emergencies during the exchange. No travel, health, or accident insurance is provided by Friendship Force International, although one may be recommended. This requirement can be fulfilled through the Ambassador's existing insurance policy if it covers international travel, including emergency repatriation, or through a separate travel insurance policy. All travel will be subject to regulations and limitations contained in the ticket(s) issued to the Ambassador.
 4. Any request for cancellation of this agreement must be made in writing to the local Exchange Director and forwarded to Friendship Force International. If an Ambassador cancels more than 60 days before departure, FFI will refund all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees paid. If an Ambassador cancels 60 days or less prior to the departure, FFI will not refund the ambassador fee paid. If FFI cancels an exchange, all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees paid will be returned to Ambassadors.
- If this agreement is not for a club-to-club exchange, please consult your FFI Program Coordinator for cancellation and refund policy.
5. Friendship Force International may cancel this agreement if it is unsuccessful in establishing an exchange which satisfies the goals of Friendship Force International 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, the Ambassador Fee will be refunded except the \$25 portion designated as non-refundable.

6. If Friendship Force International is making travel arrangements for your exchange, any price increase for transportation will be passed on to the Ambassador until the time that the full Ambassador Fee is received at the international office of Friendship Force International 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 Friendship Force International.

7. The Friendship Force Ambassador hereby agrees to follow the provisions stated above and: a) to accept travel arrangements as arranged by Friendship Force International, where applicable b) to participate fully in the homestay, c) to pay the Ambassador Fee when due, d) to accept the decision making authority of the Exchange Director during the exchange, and 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 Friendship Force International in its publications.

8. Upon acceptance of the Ambassador into the exchange program, this Agreement shall become effective and binding upon Friendship Force International 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 Friendship Force International. In the event the Ambassador fails to abide by any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, Friendship Force International may terminate this Agreement without any penalty or liability to Friendship Force International.

Ambassador Pledge:

My main objective as I join this exchange is for cultural understanding and friendship. My health is good enough to keep up with the group activities planned and I know I will be responsible for carrying my own baggage.

As an ambassador, I am aware that my actions reflect on the club and the country from which I travel. I promise to conduct myself in an exemplary manner. I understand the Exchange Director of this exchange has been given authority by the Friendship Force headquarters to lead and conduct this exchange for the best interests of all parties concerned. The Exchange Director has the authority to remove any person from a host home who is not in compliance with the goals of Friendship Force International. In case there is need to use hotels as auxiliary housing, or a need for a single room on the add-on part of the exchange, I will bear the expense.

I have read the Ambassador Agreement provided with this Application and accept its terms.

I hereby agree to secure adequate travel and medical insurance for the duration of the exchange.

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

If Ambassador is under 18 years old, both signatures are required.

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

Name of guardian for youth under 18: _____

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