

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FLEX HOST FAMILY SURVEY



INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Youth Programs Division, we are requesting your participation in a survey to determine the impact that hosting Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) students has on U.S. host families.

This survey will cover the following topics:

- Your Host Family Involvement with the FLEX Program
- Involvement of Your Family, Friends & Colleagues
- Your Personal Relationships with FLEX Exchange Students
- General Information About You and Your Family

CONFIDENTIALITY

The U.S. Department of State will protect the privacy of individuals who participate in this voluntary survey. All of your responses to this survey will be combined with those of other respondents, and the answers you give will be **strictly confidential** and will not be identified as your responses.

SURVEY INFORMATION [PAPER VERSION ONLY]

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to: U.S. Department of State; Office of Policy & Evaluation (ECA/P/V); 301 4^{th} Street, SW, Room 336; Washington, D.C. 20547

Or, you can complete the survey via Internet at the following website: [TBD]

Note: If you are disconnected from the website, simply login again and you will automatically return to the part of the survey where you stopped completing questions.

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QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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PRIVACY ACT AND PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENTS

The information solicited on this survey is requested pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62) and the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act (22 U.S.C. 2451, et seq.). In order to ensure that the U.S. Department of State's international exchange programs meet statutory program requirements (22 U.S.C. 2460(c)), the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) regularly monitors the programs, gathers data about program accomplishments, and evaluates selected ones. ECA uses the information collected to inform program design, management, and funding. All personal information that is collected through surveys is considered confidential. All responses are coded to ensure the confidentiality of individual responses. Data collected under this study will not be shared, sold, or used for fundraising purposes. Survey data and findings will be used only in an aggregate form for the express purposes of fulfilling the data needs of the outcome assessment. Responses to this survey are voluntary. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average thirty (35) minutes to respond to this survey, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and respondents are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Please send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to: A/IIS/DIR, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

FLEX Host Family Survey

	Host Family Involve	ment	with FLEX Progr	am	6.	In what capacity have you been involved with the FLEX Program? Please check all that apply.	
	What ID number were received from the U.S.			you		Host Family	
	received from the 0.3.	Depan	mem of state:			Local FLEX Coordinator	
,	How many FLEX exch	anao si	udants have you he	setad		Exchange Agency Representative	
••	in your home? [dropde		odenis nave you no	osieu		Other FLEX Program Volunteer	
			7				_
3.	In what academic year	r(s) did	Lyou bost a FLFY			Other, Please Specify:	Ц
٥.	exchange student(s)?						
	1993 – 1994		2000 – 2001		7.	Have you been involved, as a host family with ar	n .,
	1994 – 1995		2001 – 2002		7.	other high school student exchange program(s)?	ıy
	1995 – 1996		2002 – 2003			No ☐ → If NO , please go to Question [#]	
	1996 – 1997		2003 – 2004				
	1997 – 1998		2004 – 2005			Yes ☐ → If YES , please go to Question [#].	
	1998 – 1999		2005 – 2006		8.	Of the following other high school student exchan	nae
	1999 – 2000		2006 – 2007			programs, for which have you been a host family	
4.	What was the home co exchange student(s) yeapply.					Open World People to People	
	Armenia		Moldova			Sister Cities Exchange	
	Azerbaijan	_	Russia				
	Belarus	_	Tajikistan			Youth for Understanding	
	Georgia	_	Turkmenistan			Rotary International Exchange	
	Kazakhstan		Ukraine			Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program	
	Kyrgyzstan		Uzbekistan			Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)	
			Do Not Know				
5.	How did you learn abo	out the	FLEX Program?			Other, Please Specify:	
••	Please check all that app						
	Business Colleague					No. C	
	Community Member					Not Sure	ч
	Direct Contact with Exch	-	Agency		9.	How many non-FLEX exchange students have you	
	Exchange Agency Web	site			7.	hosted in your home? [dropdown]	,
	Family Member						
	Friend Local Community Cente	_					
	Local FLEX Coordinator						
	Local High School						
	Newspaper Article/Adv	verticer	nent				
	U.S. Department of Sta						
	Other, Please Specify:						
	Do Not Know						

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The following are possible reasons for volunteering with the FLEX program. Please indicate how important each of these reasons is to you for hosting FLEX exchange students. Please check one box in each row. Check N/A, if the statement is not applicable.

аррисавіе.			Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not At All Important	
I feel hosting foreign exchange studed	dents contributes to r	my children's					Į
I feel an obligation to share hospite	ality received in othe	er countries					ı
I want to meet people from around	the world						
I want to share my community with	foreign exchange st	udents					
l want to learn more about foreign	countries and culture	es					
l feel it is important for foreign exc Americans"	change students to m	eet "real					
I feel that hosting foreign exchange perspective	e students broadens	my family's					
I want to help improve the overall i	image of the United	States					
I want to continue the legacy of hos instilled by my parents or other far		ge students					
Other, Please Specify:							
		r 12.		cribe some of y in hosting F		g <u>es</u> to you a ge students.	nd
family in hosting FLEX exchange How often did you discuss the fo	students.		your family	y in hosting F	LEX exchang	ge students.	
	students.		nt FLEX exch	y in hosting F	considering	the student?	s ho
How often did you discuss the fo	estudents.	your most rece	your family	y in hosting F	considering	ge students.	s ho
How often did you discuss the fo country? Please check one box in a	ollowing topics with each row. Very Often	your most rece	nt FLEX exch	ange student	considering	the student?	s ho
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How often did you discuss the fo country? Please check one box in a Daily Life Economy Educational System	ollowing topics with each row. Very Often	your most rece	nt FLEX exch	ange student	considering	the student'	s ho
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	Very Often	Regularly	Sometimes	Once or Twice	Never	Know
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Daily Life						
Economy						
Educational System						
Ethnic Diversity						
Legal System						
Media/Press						
Political System						
Religious Diversity						
Values and Culture						
Voluntary Community Service						
Thinking about your most memo aspects of the student's home co row.				e student? Please of Extensive	e Do	
		▼	▼	•		•
Daily Life						
Economy						
Educational System						
Ethnic Diversity	□					
Legal System	•					
Media/Press						
Political System						
Religious Diversity						
Values and Culture	□					
Voluntary Community Service						
Thinking about your <u>most memo</u> aspects of the student's home co				x in each row. Extensiv	e Do I	ing Not Knov
		▼	▼	▼		•
Daily Life						
Economy						
Educational System						
Ethnic Diversity						
Legal System						
Media/Press						
Political System						
Religious Diversity						
Values and Culture						
Voluntary Community Service						

How often did you discuss the following topics with the most recent FLEX exchange student considering the **United States?**

Please check one box in each row.

Do Not

What makes this particular FLEX student the most men	norable?				
Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disag	gree with who	ether hosting	j FLEX exchanç	ge students	
			Neither		
	Strongly		Agree nor		Strongly
	Agree —	Agree —	Disagree —	Disagree —	Disagree —
Promotes mutual understanding among Americans and			▼		
people from other countries				Ш	
Promotes peaceful relations between the United States					
and other countries					
Promotes United States national interests					
Helps my family and me develop friendships with					
people from other countries Helps my family and me better appreciate people					
from other countries					
Helps my family and me improve our foreign					
language skills					
Increases my family's and my interest in international events and news					
Increases my family's and my interest in visiting					
foreign countries	U	u		ш	
Helps my family and me learn more about the perspectives of people from other countries					
Helps me educate my children about other countries					
and cultures		ш			
Gives my family and me the opportunity "to make a					
difference" Allows my family and me to share United States					
values and beliefs with people from other countries					
Allows my family and me to share my local community					
with people from other countries					
Allows foreign exchange students to share their values and beliefs with my family and me					
Allows my family and me to volunteer our time and	П				
resources in our community					
Offers my family and me an opportunity to return					
hospitality that we received in other countries Increases my family's and my appreciation of our local					_
community					
ncreases my family's and my appreciation of the					
United States	_	_	_	_	_

	vement of Your							22.	After the ex your child (or Please check	or childr	en) done a			
19.	Have you ever spoken with family, friends and/or colleagues about your experience(s) hosting FLEX exchange student(s)?								Traveled to a foreign country to study (e.g., study abroad, Semester-At-Sea, U.S. exchange student, etc.)					
	Yes No	□ →	Go to Skip to	Ques	tion [#	<u>‡]</u>			Studied a for FLEX exchan Uzbek, Azer	ge stude	ent(s) (e.g., l	Russian, Uk	rainian,	
20.	Whom do you spe experience? Please			-		g			Pursued a co					
	Business Colleague Community Member Family Member(s) Friend(s)								Pursued a co foreign affa Foreign Serv Nations, etc.	irs. (e.g., vice Offic	, Peace Cor	ps volunte	er,	<u> </u>
	Neighbor(s) Other(s)								Pursued a co					
21.	In general, how o							l	N/A					
21.	hosting experienc	e? Plea	ise ched	ck one l	oox in e	ach ro	w.	23.	As a result	of your l	nosting a F	LEX excha	nge stude	nt,
	Always Regularly Sometimes Never N/A							have any of and/or colled Please check Business Coll Community /	agues h all that d eague(s	osted a FLI apply.	•			
	Farmette			T		-			Family Mem		s) 🔲			
	Family Friends								Friend(s)		ā			
									Neighbor(s)					
	Colleagues								Other(s)					
24.	Now, we would li family's life. Plea	se indi	cate the	e exter	nt to wi	hich yo	ou agre	e or disagi	ee with each				ır and you	Jr
	After the experienc more likely to:	e of ho	sting o	ı FLEX	studen	t(s), <u>m</u>	<u>y famil</u>	<u>y and l</u> are	Strongly Agree	Agree •	Agree nor	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A ▼
	Read or listen wor	ld news	5						Ò	Ġ	Ò			Ö
	Read or hear news	s about	the FLI	EX stud	ent's ho	ome co	untry							
	Learn about the cu	lture/ti	raditior	ns of ot	her cou	ıntries								
	Learn more about	the cult	ture/tro	ditions	of the	studen	it's home	e country						
	Attend cultural eve	ents fro	m the si	tudent's	s home	country	У							
	Volunteer my time	with ot	her stu	dent ex	change	e progi	rams							
	Meet people from	other o	countrie	·s										
	Travel to other cou	untries												

Learn another language

25.	What motivated you and yo FLEX exchange students?	<u>in</u> hosting	30.		ct with	ge students have you after hosting them in your	
					None		➤ Skip to Question [#]
					1 FLEX Student		Skip to document [#]
					2 FLEX Students		
						_	
					3 FLEX Students		
					4 FLEX Students		
					5+ FLEX Students		
26.	What motivates you and you hosting FLEX exchange stud		inue	31.	In general, how fr exchange student		y do you and your FLEX act one another?
					Once a Year		
			_		2 to 3 Times a Yea	ır	
					More than 3 Times	a Year	
					Never		
					Not Sure		
				32.			EX exchange student(s) stay in? Please check all that apply.
					Letters		
	Personal Relationships	with FLEX Stu	dents		Telephone Calls		
			_		E-mails		
27.	Of the FLEX exchange stude				Faxes		
	have you visited any of the	m in their home	country?		Personal Visits		
	Yes 🗖	→Go to Que	stion [#]				
	No 🗆	→ Skip to Que			Other		U
28.	If Yes, please check the cour	ntry or countries	you have	33.	What topics do yo discuss during you Please check all tha	ur conto	
	Please check all that apply.				Possible/Upcoming	Visits	
	Armenia 🗖	Moldova			Personal/Family N		
	Azerbaijan 🔲	Russia	_		New Contact Infor		
	Belarus 🔲	Tajikistan	ā		International News		
	Georgia 🔲	Turkmenistan			U.S News/Events	/ LVCIII3	
	Kazakhstan	Ukraine			Other		
			_		Omer		
29.	Kyrgyzstan If yes, please describe the si	Uzbekistan tuation that pro	mpted you	34.	Have any FLEX ex home <u>after</u> their e		e alumni visited you in your e program?
	to visit your FLEX exchange					, _	
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				35.		sit you	e situation that prompted the and your family after their

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	Information About	You & Your Family	42.	Which category best describes your highest level of formal education?				
36.	Which category best d home?	escribes the location of your		Less Than High School Diploma High School Diploma/GED				
	Rural/Farm Area			Vocational/Technical Diploma or	Certificate \Box			
	Suburban Area	_		Some College, No Degree				
				Associate's Degree (AA, AS)				
	Small Town or City	_		Bachelor's Degree (BA, BS)				
	Large or Major City, N			Master's Degree (MA, MS)				
	State's Capital City			Doctorate Degree (PhD, EdD)				
37.	Including yourself, ho household? [dropdow	w many people reside in your n]		Professional Degree (MD, MBA, I				
			43.	What is your field of work or pro Please check all that apply.	ofession?			
38.	How many children <u>u</u>	nder the age of 18 years reside		Agriculture				
	in your household? [d	ropdown]		Arts & Culture				
				Business/Finance				
39.	Which category hest d	escribes your marital status?		Education				
57.	Willelf Calcyony Desira	escribes your marriar states.		Government Homemaker				
	Single, Never Married			International Affairs				
	Living Together, Not M	arried		Legal/Law Enforcement	ā			
	Married			Media/Communications				
	Widowed			Medicine				
	Divorced			Military Service				
	Separated			Non-Profit				
	Sepuralea	-		Public Administration Retired				
40.	What is your age? [dro	pdown]		Science & Technology				
	18 - 24 Years	П		Trade				
				Other				
	25 -34 Years	U	44					
	35 - 44 Years	U	44.	Do you have any suggestions of U.S. Department of State and the				
	45 - 54 Years			on how to attract new host fami	<u>lies</u> to become			
	55 - 64 Years			involved with the FLEX Program	?			
	65 - 74 Years							
	75 Years or Older							
41.	What is your gender?							
	Female [3						
	Male [_						

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