



HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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HOST FAMILY NAME:

1. Why do you want to be a host family for Harvest Christian Academy?
2. How did you hear about this program at HCA?
3. Are both you and your spouse born-again Christians? Explain.
4. What goals do you have for you own children during their high school years?
5. What goals will you have for your host student during his/her high school years?
6. Make a statement regarding your past experience hosting children in your home (other than your biological children.) (If you have no prior international student hosting experience, share about experience hosting other children in your home.)
7. What experience has you family had experiencing and adjusting to other cultures?
8. How do you plan to support your biological children's growth while simultaneously hosting a boarding student?
9. How do your biological children feel about the family decision to host a boarding student?
10. What adults are involved in your biological children's lives and how?
11. How do you motivate your children?
12. How do you plan to motivate and encourage your boarding student?

13. Has your biological son or daughter had any disciplinary difficulty? Explain.

14. Have your children ever used drugs, tobacco, or alcohol? If yes, please explain.

15. Describe how you maintain a Biblically guided home. In what ways do you plan to help an international student develop spiritually and identify their gifts?

16. Describe how you work your family budget. Explain any financial hardships that would affect the experience your student would have in your home.

17. Are you willing to prioritize a monthly meeting with other host parents for the purpose of supporting each other, getting additional training, and giving input to HCA for the future of this program. (Schedule of meeting will be available in August,) circle YES or NO

18. There are times when conflicts and challenge arise that you may need to meet confidentially to discuss how to best parent your international student. Are you willing to handle these situations in partnership with HCA? Can you describe a time when you have had this type of conversation and taken constructive comments?

19. Understanding that each boarding student will work through cultural adjustments, how do you plan to learn about your student's culture and provide needed emotional and spiritual support?

20. Please read the following documents:
HCA Host Family Manual,
HCA Student/ Parent Handbook

After reading and understanding these documents, are you in full agreement with these standards? YES or NO
How will you ensure that your student abides by the code of conduct?

21. Is there anything in your life that would need explanation or be a cause of concern of the international student or their parent were to learn of it or observe it? Drug or alcohol use, vaping, medical issues, etc. Information shared for this question would be kept confidential and we would discuss it further at our meeting.

22. If you are invited to host a boarding student at HCA next year, what factors are important to you in deciding to fulfill the responsibility or not?

23. Would you prefer 1 or 2 boarding students and do you have a preference for a male or female?

Please read the following statements and rate your answer on a 1-10 scale. Make any additional comments that will help explain your answer. Please note; There is no right or wrong answer. This information is used to help us make the best possible student/family placement and prepare for ongoing support through the year:

Our home could be characterized as:

1 very casual	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 very structured
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1 Active/ Noisy	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 quiet/ studios
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1 rarely home	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 homebodies
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Our family tends to travel out of the area over holidays and school vacations

1 frequently	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 rarely
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One or more parents tend to travel overnight.

1 frequently	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 rarely
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Each week our family eats dinner together.

1 frequently	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 rarely
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When it comes to cleanliness, our family is:

1 neat & orderly	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 messy
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The importance of children participating in the chores of the home is:

1 written expectation	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 appreciated
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The type of chores in our home, if any:

1 daily chores	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Weekly chores
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Laundry in our home is primarily done by:

1 parent	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 each his own
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We anticipate privacy in our home to be:

1 needed guidelines	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 not an issue
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Computer and internet use in our home is::

1 highly regulated	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 trusted on own
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Daily television use in our home is:

1 no tv	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 on when home
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Our family attends church:

1 weekly	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 quarterly
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Our weekly commitment to church related activities is::

1 very involved	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 none
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How comfortable are you sharing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ with a teenager?

1 excited	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 not confident
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How would you describe you child's attitude towards an international student in your home?:

1 excited	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 willing to try
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How would you describe your normal communication methods with your own child?

1 confrontational	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 avoid
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How comfortable are you with allowing teenagers to "challenge" adults?

1 never appropriate	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 comfortable if constructive
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When it comes to you child's standard of dress, how involved are you?

1 set guidelines	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 child's responsibility
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When you child is out at night, how much supervision do you provide?

1 check ahead	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 trust in child to check
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As far as academic expectations, our family has:

1 specific grades	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 try your best
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Giving teenagers rides to and from school will be

1 not a problem	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 challenging
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A background check will also be part of the host family application process. That information will either be emailed or sent to you within one week of receiving this application. Please complete the steps for the background check within one week of returning this host family application.

Background check process email sent: