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# STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2019/20 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – PART I (Student)

Before you fill out Part I of the student exchange application form, please note:

- The application consists of two parts. Part I is completed by the applicant and given to the liaison teacher. Part IIA and IIB are completed by the liaison teacher. While it **is the liaison teacher's responsibility to ensure that the complete application is submitted to Alberta Education, it is the student applicant's responsibility to ensure that the liaison teacher has all of the necessary documentation (eg, passport-size photo, home photos) from Part I**.
- Because the majority of communication between Alberta Education and exchange candidates will be conducted through e-mail, **separate e-mail addresses must be listed for the student applicant, the parent(s) and the liaison teacher.** Please ensure that you list reliable e-mail addresses. We have experienced problems with Hotmail accounts in the past.
- Alberta students travelling on a non-Canadian passport may be required to obtain a visa for specific country destinations. Please contact our office prior to submitting an application for more information.
- All individuals who are 18 years of age and older and are residing in the home during the period that the exchange student is in Alberta must complete and submit a Police Information Check to Alberta Education. Further instructions and documentation will be provided upon receipt of the student exchange application. Prior to the matching of the Alberta student, Alberta Education's International Exchange Coordinator must be advised if anyone living in the Alberta student's home has an unsatisfactory police information check. An unsatisfactory police information check may prohibit the Alberta family from hosting an exchange student. Failure to disclose this information could result in termination of the application or exchange.
- A complete application (single-sided only) includes:
  - O Part I of the application form (completed by the student and parents)
    - Passport-size photo of student applicant adhered to top right corner as indicated in Part I of the application.
    - Labelled colour photos of the home, the family and the applicant in collage format (maximum of two pages) in a PDF or Word document only. NO INDIVIDUAL OR ORIGINAL PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
    - Commitment and Medical Release Form signed by the applicant and the applicant's parents (must be signed by all legal guardians, not just custodial parent).
  - O Part IIA of the application form completed by liaison teacher
  - O Part IIB Commitment form signed by the liaison teacher and principal

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that Part I (including scanned colour photos) attached to application is submitted to the liaison teacher. No scanned or faxed copies will be accepted. Must be original copy only. Incomplete applications will not be accepted

# NOTE TO PARENTS: It is your responsibility to review this application before it is submitted to the liaison teacher.

### **Complete applications are due on March 15 (no later).**

This application is an interactive form (typed).

Handwritten, missing information or photocopied/emailed applications will NOT be accepted and processed.

When submitting pictures (coloured), please refer to the samples in the application form.

When printing the application, it must be SINGLE sided (coloured is not required except for pictures).

Please make sure your Adobe is up-to-date on your computer or the application may not save or print.

Thank you!

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# **Student Exchange Programs**

Information you provide to Alber of Information and Protection of Act. The personal information Alberta Education's Student Exc information will be used to a endea Alberta Education will share your family. Your personal informati without your consent or unless r removed, corrected or have Inter	Head/Shoulders Photo			
	PART I: Stud	lent Application		
Program: (You may check more the Quebec Germany STUDENT INFORMATION		Hexico		
			Ν	M F Other
Student's Surname	Given Name	Name commonly used	(	Gender
Grade (at present time)	Birthday (Month/Day/Year): Religion:			Religion:
			AB	
Home Mailing Address	Town/City		I	Postal Code
Home Phone No.	Student Cell No	Student email address		
Canadian Passport:		Passport No		
If other, please indicate what type:		Expiry date		
SCHOOL INFORMATION				
School Name	Principal's Name		Principal's	E meil
School Name	T fincipal s Name		AB	, E-man
School Address	Town/City		Η	Postal Code
Liaison Teacher's Surname	Liaison Teacher's First Name	Work email address	S	School Phone No.
School Jurisdiction Name		Superintendent's Name	AB	
Address	Town/City			Postal Code

## PRIMARY

(PLEASE LIST PRIMARY RESIDENCE WHERE EXCHANGE STUDENT WILL LIVE)

PARENT/GUARDIAN IN	FORMATION		
Mother Father	Legal Guardian	Mother Father	Legal Guardian
Other ( <i>specify</i> )		Other (specify)	
Ms. Mr.	Miss. Mrs. Dr.	Ms. Mr.	Miss. Mrs. Dr.
Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Address		1	1
City		Province	Postal Code
Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number	Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number
Cellular Phone Number	Fax Phone Number	Cellular Phone Number	Fax Phone Number:
Email:		Email:	I
Parent Occupation:		Parent Occupation:	
<b>PRIMARY – FAMILY IN</b> Please indicate all family member		me during the hosting period. (Check	all that apply)
Father	Mother	Legal Guardian(s)	
Sisters Names and Ages:		( )	
Brothers Names and Ages:		( )	
If anyone else, please detail:	Relationship	Name	Age
individuals who are 18 years of a submit a Police Information Chec	ge and older and who will be residing of the exchange location of your home: (Please check	•	eriod must complete and
Will your partner have a separate l	pedroom? Yes No	If no, with whom will he/she share a	bedroom?
Would you and your family accept	t an exchange with:	Male Female	Either
where biological parents/leg	al guardians of students live in	Mother Father	Legal Guardian
Last	Miss. Mrs. Dr.	Last	Miss. Mrs. Dr. First
Name	Name	Name	Name
Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number	Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number
Cellular Phone Number		Cellular Phone Number	
Email:		Email:	
Please indicate if you would like to n	receive correspondence and program	contact list: Yes No	
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### **SECONDARY**

(PLEASE COMPLETE ONLY IF THERE IS A JOINT CUSTODY SITUATION)

PARENT/GUARDIAN IN	FORMATION		
Please indicate what the custody PRIMARY + SECONDARY how		nds weekends at SECONDARY hom	ie or alternates weeks between
Comments:			
	pected to follow the same arrangem	nents as the Alberta student?	
	tudent will be living in both homes act schedule to be determined		
	udent will be living in primary home	only	
-	formation check will be required	omy	
Mother Father	Legal Guardian	Mother Father	Legal Guardian
Ms. Mr.	Miss. Mrs. Dr.	Ms. Mr.	Miss. Mrs. Dr.
Last	First	Last	First
Name    Address	Name	Name	Name
City		Province	Postal Code
Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number	Home Phone Number	Business Phone Number
Cellular Phone Number	Fax Phone Number	Cellular Phone Number	Fax Phone Number:
Email:	Tunior	Email:	Tumeer.
Parent Occupation:		Parent Occupation:	
Parent Occupation.		Parent Occupation.	
SECONDARY – FAMILY			
		ome during the hosting period. (Check	all that apply)
Father	Mother	Legal Guardian(s)	
Sisters Names and Ages:		( )	
Brothers Names and Ages:		( )	
If anyone else, please detail:	Relationship	Name	Age
individuals who are 18 years of a submit a Police Information Chec	ge and older and who will be residin	ome during the entire hosting period. ng in the home during the exchange p ge student (see application instruction k only one box)	period must complete and
Metropolitan centre (200,000	)+) 🔲 Town/village 🔲 Subur	rb of city 🔲 Acreage 🔲 Sn	nall city (50,000+)
What is the nature of your home?		House Apartment	Mobile Home
Will your partner have a separate b	bedroom? Yes No	If no, with whom will he/she share a	ı bedroom?

#### **<u>1. Personal Objectives</u>**

To begin, please state briefly what you want to accomplish through the exchange	. What are your main objectives for participating in this
exchange program?	

	2.	Diet	and	Health
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Do you have any special eating habits or diet restrictions?	Yes	No No
If yes, please detail:		
Do you have any allergies?	Yes	No
If yes, please detail and be very specific:		
Are you receiving medical treatment for these allergies?	Yes	No
If the only proposed match were one where one of these allergens existed, w	ould you accept the	e exchange? Yes No
Conditions?		
Do you have any physical/emotional conditions or health restrictions that a host	t family, school or e	education authorities should be aware of?
Yes If yes, specify:		
Do you have any physical disabilities?	No	
If yes, please elaborate:		

<u>3. Smoking S`V5S``ST[e</u>					
Do you smoke?	Yes	No			
Does anyone in your home smoke? If yes, please indicate where	Yes Indoors	<ul><li>No</li><li>Outdoors Both</li></ul>			
Please specify who and how much:					
Would your family accept a smoker into the home? Any specific conditions (outside only, certain part of house)?					
If the only match available was a home where someone smokes, would you accept? Yes					
Any specific conditions (outside only, certain part of house)?					
Does anyone consume cannabis in your home?					
If yes, please explain the purpose (e.g. medicinal, recreational, etc.).					

<b><u>4. Animals</u></b> Do you have animals at home?	Yes	D No			
If yes, how many and what type of animal(s): (Check all that apply)	_ 105				
Dog(s) # Cat(s) # Bird(s) #					
Horse(s) # Other(s) Please specify type & quantity					
Would you agree to live with a family that has domestic animals?	Yes	No			
5. Religious Belief					
Is it important for you to attend religious services?	Yes	No			
If yes, please specify denomination or place of worship:					
Would you still participate in exchange, if it were not possible for you to attend?	Yes	No No			
Comments:					

6. Work and Volunteer Activities				
Do you work/volunteer part-time?	Yes	No		
If yes, describe the nature of the job/volunteer position and time devoted weekly:				
Do you intend to continue working/volunteering during your exchange partner's stay?	Yes	No		
If yes, how many hours per week?				
NOTE: It is expected that during the first month of hosting the exchange partner limit or reduce the hours of work/volunteering (no more than 6-10 hours/week).				

7. Activities, Interests, and Leisure	······································			
Which of the following categories would best describe you, given your f	avorite pursuits?			
Choose only one or two: Artistic Intellectual Athletic Computer	Social			
GENERAL				
In which of the following activities are you interested or involved? Pleas your participation is regular (R) or occasional (O) as well as how many h			ement, and indic	ate whether
Creative pursuits (types?)			Reg/Occ	No of hours
Travel (type? where?)				
Watching TV (programs?)				
Going to movies/watching DVDs (types?)				
Going out with friends (where?)				
Shopping (where?)				
Social media/internet (sites)				
Playing computer/video games (types?)				
MUSIC				
Please number from 1 through 11 your preference in the following music	cal categories (1 in	dicates your fayourite:	11 your least fa	vourite):
Pop Rock Heavy metal			Alterna	
Techno   Jazz				
Please specify any types of music you dislike passionately:				
Do you play a musical instrument or sing? Detail:	Yes	No No		
Do you take music lessons?	Yes	No No		h
If yes, specify the type [indicate how many hours per week are involved]	Yes	No		hrs/week
Do you hope to continue lessons while on exchange?	_			
Are there musical instruments in your home? If yes, which instrument(s)?	Yes	<b>No</b>		
If necessary, could lessons or practice sessions for music, dance or sports be arranged for the exchange partner with minimal difficulty? Comments:	Yes	No		

SPORTS			
How important are sports to you?	Very important	Slightly important	Not important
Please list the activities that are most imp	ortant to you.		
Team sports (i.e. football, soccer, hockey,	Number of hours per week		
Individual Sports (i.e. swimming, cycling	rollerblading, etc.):		Number of hours per week

#### 8. Personal Profile

What type of partner would you like to have? List important qualities and interests.

Are there any qualities in a partner that would be difficult to accept?

9. Personality Traits (chec		that ro 0	•	personality scale)
I prefer to listen				I love to talk
I like to stay home				I like to go out
Sometimes, I'd rather be alone				I'd rather spend time with my friends
I think before I act				I am spontaneous

10. Language Background				
What is your competence i	n the target language? (Check one of the foll	owing)		
Basic	I can understand and use daily expressions and can ask and give personal information but I'm unable to hold a conversation.			
Tourist	I can order meals, ask for directions, read to a certain extent, and follow basic conversations.			
Spectator	I can follow and understand television and radio programs. I can understand texts and read the language well. I can discuss abstract concepts and explain my position on an issue and can hold a basic conversation.			
Fluent/Bilingual	I can communicate with native speakers on a wide range of topics without a great deal of effort on either side, and I can appreciate a joke			
What level do you hope to	reach by departure?			
Explain in detail your past and current study of the target language.				
Course: Year				
Comments:				
Have you had, or do you currently have, any other opportunities to speak the target language?  Yes  No Please explain:				
Do you or your parents speak any other language(s) at home? Yes No				
If yes, specify:				
How often? (check one on	ly) Regularly	Often	Seldom	
Explain the circumstances:				
Please note that the family who receives an exchange student must agree to provide a completely English-speaking environment, as this is a program to enhance English language skills. English should be the language spoken at home, during activities, in conversation and on television programs				

#### **<u>11. Personal Letter of Introduction</u>**

Please write a letter of introduction or a self-portrait. This will be the first impression your exchange partner and family will have of you so please give it careful consideration.

Describe "who you are" giving character traits, likes and dislikes, goals, favorite activities, interests, qualities, tastes. Please include what type of activities you like to do with your family, your friends; what you like to read, your favourite subjects. **Please provide lots of details.** 

Please do not simply repeat information that is available in other parts of your application (e.g. siblings age).

The letter should be a minimum of 500 words, double-spaced and typed.

Submitted in a separate word document (please label)

• Labelled colour photos of the home, the family and the applicant in collage format (maximum of two pages) in a PDF or Word document only. NO INDIVIDUAL OR ORIGINAL PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Scanned copy of coloured pictures of you and your family (2 only), favourite activities, friends, pets (2 only)

## Cut and paste your photos into a separate coloured word document. Please label photos No hard copies of pictures accepted



Scanned copy of coloured picture of exterior of home (1 only), interior of home (3 only)

# Cut and paste your photos into a separate coloured word document. Please label photos No hard copies of pictures accepted

COLLAGE OF HOME (MAXIMUM OF TWO PAGES INCLUDE ONE OF OUTSIDE OF HOME)





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# **Medical Information Release Form**

This medical form will not be shared with the exchange family until the arrival of the Alberta student in the exchange phase of the program.

Information you provide to Alberta Education is collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act and is managed in accordance with Part 2 of the FOIP Act. The personal information you provide will be used by Alberta Education for the purpose to help ensure adequate supervision and protection for students participating in the exchange. Once you are matched with a host family, Alberta Education will share your personal information with our exchange administrative partner and your host family. Your personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose by Alberta Education without your consent or unless required to do so by law. Should you wish to have your personal information removed, corrected or have concerns pertaining to the Student Exchange Program, please contact International Exchange Coordinator at 780-644-4470.

This form is to be signed by a parent(s)/guardian(s) and returned to Alberta Education. Accurate and complete information is essential to ensure adequate supervision and protection while students participate in a student exchange. This information is confidential and will be available only to those responsible for the participant, and a physician, if necessary. The parent(s)/guardian(s) is assuming full responsibility for the participating student's health being such that the program activities will in no way aggravate any condition present and will ensure that the participant takes valid health insurance on the exchange.

Name of participant:	
Date of birth:	
Home mailing address:	
Home phone:	
Father/Guardian work phone:	Cell phone:
Mother/Guardian work phone:	Cell phone:
Emergency contact (other than parent/guardian):	
Relationship to participant:	
Home phone:	Business phone:
Cell phone:	
Family doctor's name:	
Family doctor's phone:	
Alberta Health Care Number:	

#### **Personal Health Record**

1. Please check any of the following conditions which the participant is subject to:

asthma	skin condition	sleepwalking	
kidney trouble	<b>c</b> onvulsions	diabetes	
audio impairment	motion sickness	epilepsy	
visual disability	heart condition		
other:			
Please give details of the signs/	symptoms and appropriate treatme	nt should any conditions indicated above	occur.
2. Any other illness or chronie	c condition(s) of which exchange o	organizers should be aware?	
No Yes 🖵			
Please specify and give details	of any medication necessary.		
3. Please check any of the fol	lowing illnesses which the particip	ant has had:	
appendicitis	chicken pox	German measles	umps
jaundice	measles	mononucleosis	pleurisy
pneumonia	heart disease	scarlet fever	
rheumatic fever			
other			
4. Please list any disabilities o	or special needs and the required ac	commodation.	
5. Please check any of the fol	lowing conditions which the partic	ipant has or has had:	
depression	anorexia	anxiety disorder	
bipolar disorder	🔲 bulimia	<b></b> other:	
Please give details of the signs/	'symptoms and appropriate treatme	nt should any conditions indicated above	occur.
6. Are you currently or have b	been in the past under the direct su	pervision of a medical doctor/psychologis	t/psychiatrist
No 🖵 Yes 🖵 If	yes, please explain:		

7. Please list recent operations/injuries (give dates and nature) and precautions that have been advised.

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change destination.)

## Note: <u>Please be certain that your son/daughter has all the necessary medication</u> <u>required for the length of their exchange program.</u>

As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the participant, under circumstances as stated below, I authorize Alberta Education and individuals responsible for the administration of the exchange program the authority to acquire the necessary medical services/treatments required to ensure the health and safety of my son/daughter,

PLEASE PRINT Name of Student

- 1. Where the health and well-being of my child is involved;
- 2. Where medical advice has been such that further services are required and such services require the consent of a parent/guardian;
- 3. Where all attempts to contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) have failed or where, due to the nature of the emergency, there is insufficient time to contact such parent(s) or guardian(s). In such circumstances, it will be at the discretion of Alberta Education and exchange administration authorities as to what steps must be taken for the health and welfare of the participant.

I understand that any associated costs will be my responsibility, and have made provision for my son/daughter to be covered by out-of-country medical insurance.

PLEASE PRINT Student	
Signature of Student	Date
PLEASE PRINT Parent/Guardian 1	
Signature of Parent/Guardian 1	Date
PLEASE PRINT Parent/Guardian 2	
Signature of Parent/Guardian 2	Date



#### **RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

Please indicate the program you are involved with:						
Germany	Spain	Japan	Quebec	Mexico	🔲 Macau	Yamate
CONSENT FOR SHARING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION						
addresses) on the exprogram to connect	xchange participan t participants toget	Education to add the so at contact list. This con ther for events and me ent Exchange Programs	ntact list is shared with eetings. Should you wi	n other host families sh to have your pers	participating in the sonal information rer	same student exchange moved, corrected or
Signature of Albe	rta Student			Date		
Signature of Parent/Guardian			Date			

#### CONSENT FOR COLLECTION, USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES

I am the parent or guardian of (the "Student").

I understand that Alberta Education has the authority under of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act to collect the student's personal information in the form of photographic images and captions during their participation in the student exchange program. The photographs will be used for the purpose of publishing same in the Student Exchange Programs' internal and public publications both in print and online. Your personal information will not be used or disclosed for any other purpose by Alberta Education without your consent or unless required to do so by law.

My signature below indicates that I consent to the above-described collection, use and disclosure of the student's photographic images for the stated purposes.

I understand that Alberta Education's International Exchange Coordinator is available to answer any questions I may have regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of these photographic images. International Exchange Coordinator can be reached at 780-644-4470.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Print name
arent/Guardian Signature	1 mit name
	En man information on Alberta Education's mission and inc
	For more information on Alberta Education's privacy policy,
	visit www.servicealberta.ca/foip/legislation/foip-act.cfm
	visit www.servicearberta.ea/forp/registation/forp-act.effit

Date



# **Student and Parental Commitment**

#### **Student's Commitment**

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\_\_\_\_\_\_, fully understand the provincial objectives as well as the guidelines of this exchange

program and agree to fulfill my responsibilities as an exchange host and exchange partner to the best of my abilities. I also agree that during the period of the exchange, my exchange partner will be a top priority.

I agree to attend the orientation and pre-departure sessions coordinated by the Student Exchange Programs.

I will not withdraw from the program unless extenuating circumstances prevail and full consultation with my partner, school, and Alberta Education has taken place.

I understand that the information and photographs in this package will be shared with a proposed partner/family, host school as well as with the exchange officials in the host province/country of destination.

I understand that illegal or disruptive behavior or the use of drugs, alcohol or other intoxicating substances is sufficient reason for termination of the exchange by Alberta Education.

Should I default on any of the above, the exchange may be terminated and any additional costs incurred will be my parents' expense.

Student's signature

Date

#### Parents' Commitment (All legal guardians must sign this commitment form)

I/we \_\_\_\_\_\_, approve participation in the exchange and will endeavour to make the experience as successful as possible.

I/we agree to accommodate the exchange student in our home and provide him/her with reasonable care and supervision during the exchange period.

I/we will be responsible for transportation and other costs as outlined in the program guidelines and agree to purchase the airline ticket and insurance through the coordination of Alberta Education.

I/we will be responsible for costs of special return travel arrangements where an exchange is terminated by us or by the coordinator because of student behaviour that is detrimental to the objectives of the program.

I/we agree to provide Police Information Checks for all individuals 18 years of age and older that will be residing in our home and to ensure that completed criminal record checks are received by our office prior to the arrival of the exchange student.

I/we understand that should our son/daughter be matched, the application form (including photographs and the interview schedule) will be shared with the exchange officials in the host province/country, as well as with the host school and the proposed partner/host family.

I/we agree to cooperate fully with Alberta Education in the administration of this program.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian's Name (please print)	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date

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# Please check off the following list and submit it along with your completed application to your liaison teacher

## Labelled colour photos of the home, the family and the applicant in collage format (maximum of two pages) in a PDF or Word document only. NO INDIVIDUAL OR ORIGINAL PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Collage and labeled scanned coloured photos of the interior of your home (3 only)

Collage and labeled scanned coloured photos of the exterior of your home (1 only)

Collage and labeled scanned coloured photos of you and your family (2 only)

Collage and labeled scanned coloured photos of your favourite activity, friends, pets etc. (2 only)

Tape on page 1 (top right) a coloured photo of yourself (head/shoulder photo) (1 only)

☐ Your signature and Parents/Guardian's signature on the Medical Release Form (pages 12–15)

U Your signature and one Parent/Guardian signature on the Release of Information Form (page 16)

U Your signature and Parent/Guardian's signatures on the Student and Parental Commitment Form (page 17)

Students and parents must save a copy for your own records

**Print single-sided only** 

Please submit **ORIGINAL** application to your Liaison teacher

Print Full Legal Name (first, middle, last)

Date

