

ISI MINISTRY PARTNER APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA

(Please fill out completely)

Name:

Address:

FAX:

City/State/Zip:

E-Mail:

Home phone: (____) _____ Business phone: (____) _____

Spouse's name (if applicable):

Profession/Occupation:

Name of church, address, and pastor:

Reference: Name & phone number of pastor or other church leader that we can call as a reference:

AREA OF VOLUNTEER INTEREST

Here are the areas that interest me:

- Friendship Partner:** I am interested in developing a long-term personal friendship with a student. I would like to befriend at least one international for a full year, by meeting together face to face twice a month and contacting weekly by phone, email, or notes.
- Dinner for Two for Avila students:** I am interested in having two students over for dinner from Avila once a month to help them with their English, know more about American culture and experience His love. We hope these relationships will open further doors with the students.
- Partner in Ministry:** Using my gifts and time to assist ongoing activities, programs, and tasks.
- Prayer Intercessor:** Willing to devote time to pray for the ministry daily
- I am already developing a relationship with an international student.

Student's name(s), address, phone:

Native country:

College or university:

Field of study:

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

If married, will both spouses be involved in this ministry?

Briefly explain how you became a Christian (provide answers for both spouses, use extra paper if needed)

Tell a little about your growth in Christ (provide answers for both spouses, use extra paper if needed)

What makes you interested in being a Ministry Partner and touching the lives of an international student or being involved in other ways with the Ministry? Do you believe God wants you to be a part of this ministry?

Tell us about your experience with evangelism, discipleship/teaching?

How long have you attended your current church?

In what roles of service or leadership are you or have you been active in your church?

Tell us about any experience you have with cross-cultural relationships:

International travel(s) or experience you have had/languages you speak:

What information would you like your prospective international student to know about you?

Do you have children? (Optional)

What kind of restrictions of time or family commitments do you have that could impact your role as a friendship partner?

List your hobbies or interests

Other information that would be helpful in matching you with a student

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PREFERENCE

We do our best to match you with your first preference; however, based on the students that are available this is not always possible. Your student preference (check one or more):

I have no preference Single male Single female Family with children

Couple without children Nationality preference:

Dinner for Two Participants will have two students.

Are you willing to be matched with a student who is not your first preference? Yes No

Are you willing to be matched with a student who speaks limited English? Yes No

****Not all students have transportation.** Are you willing to be matched with a student who doesn't have his or her own transportation? Yes No

VOLUNTEERS IN PARTNERSHIP

I am interested in giving assistance to international students as a volunteer:

- I would like to be part of the ISI Kansas City Ministry Prayer Team.
- I would like to help with airport pickup of students and airport drop-off on departures.
- I would like to help with the International Wives Connection Ministry
- I am able to provide temporary housing for a student.
- I would like to help with the Garage Giveaway at the beginning of the school year.
- I would be willing to open my home for group activities.
- I would like to invest financially in the ISI ministry here in Kansas City. Please send me information on how to begin giving.
- I would like to be a conversation partner for a student –
Including ISI Park University Conversational English Corner
- I would enjoy hosting international students on special holidays.
- I would like to help with the International Student Fellowship (Fridays 1st & 3rd – Avila; 2nd & 4th – UMKC/KUMED)
- I am able to do phone contact work.
- I would like to volunteer time to help with secretarial/clerical items for the ISI City Team
- Other:

We are looking for people that have a passion for this ministry, who have big hearts, and who love to build friendships and show hospitality. As you sign the International Friendship Partner Ministry Individual Participation Agreement below, we want to make sure you have taken time to really pray about your involvement with this strategic ministry to determine if this is something the Lord wants you to give your time to. Please read the agreement prayerfully and carefully. Thank you very much!

Calling: Knowing God wants you to be involved with international students.

Commitment: Reaching out tenaciously and carving out time in your schedule to include your international student in your family and other activities.

Consistency: Being a dependable, reliable, and available friend to the student.

Caring: Sharing your life and showing unconditional no strings attached love in concrete ways.

International Friendship Partner Ministry Individual Participation Agreement

This is to acknowledge that I (we), _____, have agreed to participate, under the following conditions, in the International Student Friendship Ministry in partnership with the International Students, Inc. ministry:

1. I agree with the ISI statement of faith, core values, and philosophy of ministry in working with international students.
2. I agree to attend the ISI Friendship Partner Training before receiving a student to ensure I understand the purpose, objectives and guidelines of the program, and understand the cultural issues with regard to sharing my faith.
3. I agree to commit to at least one year with the student assigned to me. Friendship Partners – meet twice monthly with students, weekly contact by email, phone, TM; Dinner for Two – meet monthly with two students from Avila.
4. I am willing to invite my student to ISI Church events and activities as much as possible.
5. I agree to pray for my student and their needs regularly and for the ISI ministry at my church.
6. I agree that, to the best of my ability, I will strive to be an understanding friend to my international student, to assist him or her in any way that I can to enhance the quality of his or her stay in Kansas City. I will seek to show unconditional love and friendship to the student with no strings attached. I also agree to communicate my faith in a culturally appropriate way as the Holy Spirit opens up opportunities and to never share the Gospel in a manipulative or coercive way.
7. I will be helpful and cooperative in communicating back and forth through my ISI Church Team Leader/Member on a monthly basis to enhance the quality of this program and the well-being of my international friend.

Friendship Partner _____ Date _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO: CDOUGLASS@ISIONLINE.ORG

OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE TRAINED:

DATE MATCHED:

SCHOOL:

STUDENT NAME:

COUNTRY: