

Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Student Exchange

Application Procedures

If you believe that you meet our criteria (see eligibility section on our website see eligibility section on our website www.yfu.co.nz) and you have your parents support to go on exchange, you need to complete this **Initial Application Form** and send it to us to reserve a place in your country or countries of choice. If you are unsure you meet our criteria or you or your parents need further information fill out on-line enquiry form on our website or call us on free call 0800 833 624.

STEP 1

Complete **Initial Application Form** and email, fax or post it to us together with the \$100 application fee (fully refundable if we cannot accept your application).

Address:	YFU New Zealand Inc. Field Office 12 High Street, Bulls, New Zealand	YFU New Zealand Inc. & YFU Australia Ltd. Head Office 13/14 Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby, NSW, 2077 Australia
Ph Number:	0800 833 624	
Fax number:	+61 2 9482 7977	
Email:	info@yfu.co.nz	

STEP 2

Our staff checks that your application generally meets our criteria and contacts the YFU organisation in your country of choice and reserves a place in that country for you. If we cannot accept your application, our staff will contact you to discuss other possible options.

STEP 3

Our staff will contact you to advise that we have reserved you a place and send you our **Acceptance Application Pack** which requires detailed information about you (interests, medical history etc) host family letter, photos of you and your family, school grades, a confidential report from your school on your suitability for exchange and other details.

STEP 4

You and your parents complete the **Acceptance Application Pack**. All the information in the Acceptance Application Pack is sent to our organisation in your country of choice for placement in your host family and enrolment in school.

You should complete this pack 4-6 months before you go on exchange. One of our staff or coordinators will contact you and your family to arrange an interview at your home or another location suitable to you and your parents.

STEP 5

You send the **Acceptance Application Pack** to our national office or to our New Zealand Office. Our staff will then review your completed **Acceptance Application Pack** and the **Interview Report** and contact you if there is any missing information or if there is anything not clear.

STEP 6

Our staff will then send you a Certificate of Acceptance and other information to help you prepare for exchange (eg. information about visa applications). At the same time we will send your completed application pack to our organisation in your country of choice so that they can match you with a host family.

STEP 7

YFU Australia staff or co-ordinators will contact you and your parents about arrangements for our detailed pre-departure orientation for you and your parents to attend.

STEP 8

You are ready to begin the experience of your life!

YFU Australia staff will be in contact with you about details of your placement in your country of choice – usually 4 to 6 weeks before your departure and about arrangements for our staff members or coordinators to assist you and your parents at your airport departure.

STEP 9

You arrive in your host country to be met by YFU staff and your host family. You will attend an arrival orientation and meet other YFU exchange students from all over the world.

YFU Application

This form must be completed (and signed by a parent or guardian), detached and returned to the National Office with the \$100.00 application fee. Applications are processed on a first-come, first served basis. Final application deadlines are September 30 (December/January Departure), November 30 (March Departure), and April 30 (July Departure). Upon receipt of this application, Youth For Understanding (YFU) International Exchange Program will request a space in your first available country of choice. On acceptance by the requested country YFU national office will confirm acceptance with you as the applicant and send out the full admissions pack.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Type of print in **Black Ink**)

(Full Legal Name) Last	First	Middle Initial
Home Address, Street Number and Name	Suburb/Town	Post Code
Home Telephone Number (with Area Code)	Home Fax Number (with Area Code)	email Address

Male Female Birth Date: _____ Current Age: _____ Nationality: _____

B. FAMILY

I live with {mark appropriate box(es)}:

Mother& Father Mother Father Guardian Step-parent Other, please specify: _____

Father or Male Guardian's Name	()
Occupation	Business Ph Number
Company Name	
Address (if different from yours)	
Father's Email Address	
Brothers (Names & Ages)	

Mother or Female Guardian's Name	()
Occupation	Business Ph Number
Company Name	
Address (if different from yours)	
Mother's Email Address	
Sisters (Names & Ages)	

C. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Full School Name
School Address Street Number and Name Suburb/Town Post Code
() ()
Telephone Number Facsimile Number

If you spoke to a teacher who recommended the YFU program, please complete the following:

Name of Teacher	Name of School
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D. PROGRAM PREFERENCE

I would like my YFU program to last for (select one):

Year (10-12 months) Semester (4-6 months) Short Term (4-8 weeks)

French 8 week program only: Indicate if you want a reciprocal or non-reciprocal exchange and if reciprocal when your family will host

Reciprocal host before exchange host after exchange
 Non-reciprocal

January February March April May June July August September October November December
 2010 2011 2012 Other: _____

Note: If you are interested in a country with more than one language option, please be sure to clearly indicate your choice (for example: French or German speaking Switzerland, Dutch or French speaking Belgium).

My first choice country is: _____

If the exchange quota for this country is filled, I would like to reserve a space in one of the following countries (listed in order of preference):

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

E. FOREIGN LANGUAGE STUDY (Some Countries require previous language study).

Language *Years Studied* *Language* *Years Studied* *Language* *Years Studied*

F. NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION

Providing this information authorises YFU to contact your local newspaper about your participation in the program.

Newspaper Name *Address* *Suburb/Town* *Post Code*

Note: A complete newspaper address is required in order for a news release to be sent.

G. HEALTH INFORMATION

Do you observe any dietary restrictions (medical, religious, vegetarian) which you plan to continue overseas?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Are you currently taking any prescription medication (oral, injection) which you need to continue overseas?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Do you have any medical or physical condition, which would affect your placement with a host family?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Have you had a prolonged illness either recently or in the past?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Have you participated in counselling or therapy in the past two years?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Do you have any allergies, which would affect your placement with a host family or require visits to a physician while overseas?

Yes No If yes, explain: _____

H. SOURCES

Which **ONE** of the following was most important in influencing your decision to apply to the YFU program?

- A YFU Visitor to my School Television International YFU Student
- YFU Volunteer Radio Teacher / Careers Advisor
- Internet YFU Brochure/Poster Newspaper
- YFU Newsletter Article Other (please explain): _____

I. HOSTING DISCOUNTS

YFU Australia is able to offer a hosting discount to approved students.
Please send me information on this No Yes

J. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We understand and accept that Youth For Understanding International Exchange, in making its selection and placements, does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, national origin, religion or sex.

Signature of Applicant *Date* *Signature of Parent* *Date*

K. APPLICATION FEE

A \$100 application fee is required before we can process your application and is fully refundable if we cannot accept your application.

Cheque or money order payable to: YFU New Zealand Inc.
Send cheque or money order to YFU New Zealand Field Office