Dear International Student,

Would you like to meet people and make new friends within the community? There is more to education than lectures, textbooks and term papers. Some of your most rewarding and informative experiences in America could occur outside the classroom and research labs.

Missouri University of Science and Technology’s Office of International Affairs office is pleased to sponsor the “International Friends” program. By participating in this program, students can make friends in the local community, participate in social activities, visit in a home setting, and learn more about American customs and culture. The participating families and individuals are volunteers – they are not paid for their services, time, or expenses. As well as sharing their culture, they want to learn about your culture and viewpoints.

Community friends can help international students understand the American way of life. Your assigned friend might offer practical assistance in shopping, dining at a local restaurant, attending community events, and many other helpful things. Participants generally meet at least once a month in local homes or at special community functions. There is no charge to participate in the International Friends program.

If you would like to participate in the International Friends program, or learn more about it, complete the attached application form and return it to Richie Myers, 105 SWBCC, 1207 N.Elm, Rolla, MO by October 25.

Upon receiving your completed questionnaire, you will receive follow-up e-mails from an International Affairs staff member. These e-mails will have additional information regarding the program and the upcoming “International Friends” reception that will be held on October 30th, 6-8 PM. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call me at 341-4335 or e-mail me at myersrj@mst.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Richie Myers
Richie Myers
Program Coordinator
Office of International & Cultural Affairs
Missouri University of Science & Technology’s International Friends Program
International Student Application

Date: __________________________

Mr/ Mrs/Miss (please circle one) (Family Name) (First Name) (English Name or Phonetic Spelling)

U.S. Address: ____________________ ___________________________________

E-Mail: __________________________________

Phone: Residence: __________________ Work: _______________________ Cell Phone: _________________________

My Community Friend/Family may contact me by

phone (Yes? No?) _____ Which days_________________________ What time? _______________________

e-mail (Yes? No?) _____ Which days_________________________ What time? _______________________

Birth Date: __________________ Place of Birth: __________________ Age: __________ Gender: __________

Home Country: __________________ Religion: __________________

Are you married?: __________ Name of spouse: __________________ Is he or she living in USA?: __________

Names and ages of children (indicate if they are living in the U.S.): __________________________

Do you have other relatives in the USA? Where?: __________________________________________________________________________________________

How long have you been in the USA: __________________________ In Rolla?: __________________

How long will you be at Missouri S&T?: __________________________

Are you a/an: Undergraduate _______ Master’s _______ Doctoral _______ Post Doc _______ Visiting Scholar _______

What is your field of study (degree program): __________________________

If you are an undergraduate, what is your class level? freshmen, sophomore, junior, senior?: __________________________

List any foods you cannot eat, or dislike: __________________________________________________________

Are you a vegetarian? Do you eat Dairy products? Do you eat eggs?: __________________________

List special talents, hobbies and interests: __________________________________________________________

What is your Friendship Family preference: (Rank in order, 1 being highest.)

Single Family _______ Family without Children _______ Family with Children ______

Many Americans have pets, would you prefer: A family with pets _______ A family without pets _______ It doesn’t matter _______

Do you have use of an automobile: Yes _______ No _______

List other information which might be helpful in matching you with a Friendship Family:
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I give my permission to have any of this information released to my International Friend/Family and volunteers in Missouri S&T’s International Friends Program.

Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ____________________________

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