



International Affairs

Dear Community Members and S&T Students,

Missouri S&T's Office of International Affairs is pleased to host the **International Friends Program**. This program offers international students the opportunity to make friends in the local community, participate in social activities, and learn more about American customs and culture. Participating students are matched with a volunteer "community friend" who wants to share their culture and learn about the student's culture and viewpoints. Community friends may be local families, individuals, or Missouri S&T students.

Community friends can help international students understand the American way of life. Your assigned friend might offer practical assistance in shopping, attending community events, and other helpful things. Participants generally meet at least once a month in local homes or at special community functions. However, this year, all participants should follow CDC guidelines to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Consider alternate activities such as Zoom game night or a socially distanced walk in the park instead.

There is no charge to participate in the International Friends program. All participants (students and community friends) are volunteers and are not paid for their services, time, or expenses. Applications will be considered in the order they are received. Although every effort will be made to place applicants, all applicants may not be matched due to placement limitations.

To participate, complete the application below and return it to Richie Myers at celebrate@mst.edu. **Applications are due October 30, 2020.**

Participants who are matched will receive an invitation to the virtual International Friends reception on **Thursday, November 12**, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

If you have questions, please contact Richie Myers at (573) 341-4335 or email celebrate@mst.edu.

Sincerely,

Richie Myers

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Interested in more information? Check out our website:

<https://international.mst.edu/student-programming-and-outreach/international-friends/>



