



# International Affairs

Dear International Student,

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](mailto: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](mailto:celebrate@mst.edu).

Sincerely,

*Richie Myers*

Cultural Program Coordinator  
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Missouri University of Science and Technology

Interested in more information? Check out our website:

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



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Missouri University of Science & Technology International Friends Program  
International Student Application

Please return to Richie Myers: [celebrate@mst.edu](mailto:celebrate@mst.edu)  
Use the subject line: **International Friends Program.**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phonetic Spelling \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred method of communication: phone      email      either

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you married?: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Is he or she living in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you have any relatives in the USA? If yes, 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 Friend \_\_\_\_\_ 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 and volunteers in Missouri S&T's International Friends Program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_