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Qualifications and Requirements:

- Applicants must have completed 9th grade by the time of the travel
- Applicants who have completed high school are not eligible to apply
- Applicants may currently be in their senior year and graduate prior to the travel date
- Winner's family must agree to host a Compass USA student or direct exchange with AILI the same summer of travel
- The winner will write an account of their trip with photos as well as a short video summary of their trip. This information will be sent to Compass USA within two weeks of returning home

Qualified applicant must include the following items to create a completed application package:

- Current color photograph
- **Typed** AILI Application (Please do not leave any empty fields. Use N/A when not applicable).
- Medical Health History
- Applicant Agreement Form
- Parent Release Form
- Blog/Photo Waiver
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 - The **two letters of recommendation** should include one from a teacher and one from a cultural source (coach, art teacher, language teacher, other)
- Project about a country or culture that is of interest
 - This entry can be a poem, an essay, a story, a picture, photograph, 3-D art piece, etc. that expresses your feelings about this culture.
 - Art projects may be photographed, songs or other oral compositions may be recorded and submitted digitally
 - Art project must be created exclusively for the AILI Scholarship
- Host family letter written in English with photos
- Host Family application
- Copy of current passport

No student application will be considered unless all parts of the application package are completed and received by **February 28, 2025**. **Application package should be submitted as single attachment to ailicontact@gmail.com.**

Post Application Process

Candidates will be selected after the AILI board reviews the application package and will be invited for a Zoom interview on March 3rd or 4th, 2025. Applicants must be available during their scheduled interview time slot. Final selection will be based on the application package and interview as a whole. The scholarship recipients will be selected and announced on or before March 7th, 2025. Dates will vary for the cultural homestay travel between June 15th and August 15th depending upon destination and availability.

Please make sure everything is included in your application. Unfortunately, if all of these items are not turned in by **February 28, 2025** you will not qualify for the scholarship. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity!

STUDENT APPLICATION

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| Legal Last Name | |
| Legal First Name | |
| Nickname | |
| COMPLETE Address (CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE) | |
| Student Cell Phone Number | |
| Student Email | |
| Date of Birth | |
| Age | |
| Gender | |
| Are you a US Citizen? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, are you a Permanent Resident? <input type="checkbox"/> |
| For Visa purposes if Permanent Resident, please list nationality | |
| Passport Number | |
| List the year(s) you have hosted in the past if any | |
| Program Coordinator's Name | |
| Father's Legal Name | |
| Father's Cell Phone Number | |
| Father's Email | |
| Father's Occupation | |
| Mother's Legal Name | |
| Mother's Cell Phone Number | |
| Mother's Email | |
| Mother's Occupation | |

| EMERGENCY CONTACT (not residing in the home) | |
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| Legal Name | |
| Cell Phone Number | |
| Email | |

| SIBLINGS | |
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| Names | Ages |
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| Language(s) spoken at home | |
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| OTHER LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| (Please list all languages you have studied and rate your ability, using E = excellent, G = good, F = fair, P = poor) | | | | | |
| Language | Years Studied | Reading | Writing | Speaking | Listening |
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| PERSONAL INFORMATION |
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| Have you ever lived or traveled outside of your home country? | Yes | | No | |
| If yes, where and when? | | | | |

| SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | |
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| What school are you currently attending? | |
| Grade Level (2024-2025) | |
| Other interests in school | |

| FUTURE PLANS | | | |
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| Do you intend to continue your education upon completion of high school? | Yes | | No |
| What do you intend to study? | | | |
| What are your future career goals? | | | |

Interests and Hobbies

Please mark (X) all the things that you enjoy and mark (XX) the three activities that occupy most of your time.

| INTERESTS AND HOBBIES | | | | |
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| (Please mark (X) all the things that you enjoy and mark (XX) the three activities that occupy most of your time) | | | | |
| Reading | | Watching Sports | | Social Dancing |
| Watching TV | | Snowboarding | | Dance (ballet, jazz, etc.) |
| Movies | | Skiing | | Singing |
| Sewing | | Hiking | | Playing Piano |
| Cooking | | Bicycling | | Playing Guitar |
| Tennis | | Swimming | | Playing instrument (please name): |
| Photography | | Orchestra/Band | | Painting/Drawing |
| Basketball | | Gymnastics | | Listening to Rock music |
| Track & Field | | Volleyball | | Listening to Jazz music |
| Baseball | | Football | | Listening to Classical music |
| Indoor Games | | Softball | | Listening to music |
| Social Clubs | | School Clubs | | Religion |
| Other: | | | | |

Why did you apply for this scholarship program?

Describe your expectations of a homestay:

HEALTH HISTORY

Please check and give approximate dates and/or details

| Chicken Pox | | Asthma | | Fainting | | Allergies | |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Measles | | Frequent Ear Infections | | Bedwetting | | Hay Fever | |
| German Measles | | Heart Disease/Defect | | Constipation | | Ivy Poisoning, etc. | |
| Mumps | | Convulsions | | Sleeping Disorder | | Insect stings | |

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|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Rheumatic Fever | | Epilepsy | | Emotional Behavior | | Penicillin | |
| Tuberculosis | | Diabetes | | Arthritis | | Other Drugs | |
| Kidney | | Bleeding/Clotting Disorders | | Disability or recurring illness | | Food | |
| Hypertension | | Mononucleosis | | Abnormal Menstruation or PMS | | Other (please list) | |
| Psychiatric Treatment | | Eating Disorder | | Autism or other disability | | | |
| Other (please explain) | | | | | | | |

Please describe conditions and give dates

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| Operations or serious injuries | | | | |
| Hospitalizations: | | | | |
| Other diseases/disabilities | | | | |
| The child is under the care of a physician for the following condition(s) | | | | |
| Any treatment to be continued during the homestay program | Yes | | No | |
| Recommendations and Restrictions during the Program – please list and explain: | | | | |
| PLEASE LIST CURRENT MEDICATIONS BEING TAKEN - INCLUDE DOSAGE AND ANY POTENTIAL HARMFUL INTERACTIONS (e.g. food, medications, environmental) | | | | |
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This **health** history is complete and accurate. My child has permission to engage in all activities, except as noted by me and the examining physician.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

If selected, I agree to do the following:

- To treat my host family with respect
- Follow my host family's daily schedule
- Help with household chores (make my bed every day, pick up after myself etc.)
- Complete a report with photos at the conclusion of my homestay experience and submit it to AILI (ailicontact@gmail.com) within **two weeks** after I return home

Applicant Signature

Date

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

My child has my permission to apply for and to participate in a scholarship exchange program sponsored by AILI, American International Learning Institute, Compass USA and their partners.

Our family agrees to the following terms:

- We understand that we agree to host a scholarship recipient or other short-term homestay participant in the summer of 2024. If our child has the opportunity to participate in a mutual exchange program, we agree to host the student whose family hosts our child. *(Please note that Compass USA tries to make this a genuine exchange; so that your child is hosted by a scholarship winner's family from another country and your family in turn will host the scholarship winner. This is not always possible, but it is our goal.)*
- We understand that we will not receive a homestay stipend for hosting a scholarship student.
- We understand that we are responsible for airport transfers in the USA, personal spending money, passport or and any necessary visas (required for China).
- If our child misses his/her flight, we understand that we will be responsible for covering any costs that may be incurred to rebook the flight. If our child fails to travel on the scholarship program, we will be responsible to reimburse AILI for the flight cost.
- We understand that we are responsible for any UM required airline fees for our child.
- We understand that we will pay a \$75 travel deposit prior to receipt of our child's flight information. This deposit will be refunded upon receipt of our child's letter, photos and video summary submitted to AILI within two weeks after our child's return to the USA. If our child fails to submit these documents, the \$75 will be donated to AILI.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Photo and Blog Release Waiver

- I hereby grant AILI permission to use my essay answers and my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications, including website entries and blogging, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of AILI and will not be returned
- I hereby irrevocably authorize AILI and Compass USA to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing AILI or Compass USA programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph
- I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge AILI and Compass USA from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization

If the person signing is under age 21, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

I hereby certify that I am the parent or guardian of _____, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____ **Date** _____

STUDENT HOST FAMILY LETTER INSTRUCTIONS

On the next page please write a letter to your host family (Dear Host Family) in English to introduce yourself. If you are selected, your host family is interested to know about you. Please be sure to write about each of the following topics and feel free to include anything else that you would like to say about yourself.

- Describe your family, home, school and pets
- Describe your responsibilities at home and school. What activities in school and in your community are important to you?
- Explain your reasons for wanting to travel overseas and especially your reasons for wanting to live with an international family
- Describe other experiences where you have been away from home. (Camp, overnight with a friend etc.)
- Attach candid photos of yourself, friends and family

Dear Host Family,



HOST FAMILY MATCHING FORM

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| Student Name: | | | | Student Number: | | | | |
| Student Arrival Date: | | | | Student Departure Date: | | | | |
| Arrival Date with Host Family: | | | | Departure Date with Host Family: | | | | |
| Coordinator: | | Phone Number: | | Email Address: | | | | |
| Supervisor: | | Phone Number: | | Email Address: | | | | |
| Notes: | | | | | | Program #: | | |
| | | | | | | Homestay Community: | | |
| | | | | | | Airport Code: | | |
| Host Family Information | | | | | | | | |
| Host Family Name (First & Last) | Area Code & Phone # | Email Address | | Street Address | | City | State | Zip |
| Mailing Address (if different than street address) | | | | | | | | |
| Number of years at this address | | Previous Address (if less than 3 years) | | | | | | |
| Host Father Legal Name | | | | | | | | |
| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | DOB: MM/DD/YY | Age | Occupation | Work Phone | | |
| | | | | | | Cell Phone | | |
| Host Mother Legal Name | | | | | | | | |
| First Name | Middle Name | Maiden Name | Last Name | DOB: MM/DD | Age | Occupation | Work Phone | |
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| Additional Family Members | | | | | | | | |
| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Male/Female | DOB: MM/DD/YY | Age | Interests | | |
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| Sleeping Arrangements | | | | | | | | |
| Sleeping Arrangements | | Own Room | | Shared Room | | If shared, with whom? | | |
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| <p>The primary focus of a homestay is the relationship between the participant and host family members. A homestay program is not a "teen" program. The following are locations where you may meet other teens:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Church Youth Group <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Teens <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center <input type="checkbox"/> Family Members/Friends <input type="checkbox"/> Other </p> | | | | | | | | |

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| Family Interests Sports Hobbies Activities | Animals | Bicycling | Cooking | Golf | Music | Snow Sports | Travel |
| | Art | Boating | Crafts | Horse Riding | Musical Instruments | Soccer | Video Games |
| | Baseball | Camping | Dance | Movies | Reading | Swimming | Religion |
| | Basketball | Computers | Fishing | Museums | Skating | Tennis | Other |
| Family Pets | Dog: | Cat: | Reptile: | | Other: | | |
| Smoker in Host Family? | | | | Return Compass USA Host Family? | | | |
| OFFICE USE ONLY | B/C | W/E | W/P | F1 | F2 | CHG | HF DB |
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