INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM
FAMILY APPLICATION

The following information helps us assign you to a student with similar or compatible interests. Please note that background checks are conducted for all applicants that are paired with students.

Name(s): _____________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________
____________________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________
Occupation(s):

Name(s) and age(s) of children living at home:

Language(s) spoken in the family:

What organizations, hobbies, and interests involve the family?

What international experiences or travel have you had?

Do you have pets? ___No   ____ Yes - If so, what kind?

I(We) would prefer a:  ____ Male        ____ Couple
____ Female       ____ Family

I(We) would prefer a student who will be here for:
____ 8 weeks       ____ 1 year
____ 1 semester    ____ More than 1 year

Would you like more than one student? ___Yes   ___No

Do you have a preference for a student from a certain country or geographical region?

Why do you want to participate in this program?

CIEP MISSION
The overall mission of the Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP) is to provide International Students with quality intensive academic English language instruction and a cultural orientation to the United States in preparation for study at the University of Northern Iowa or other institution of higher learning.

ABOUT CIEP
CIEP students participate in intensive listening/speaking, reading, and grammar/writing classes, which are offered at seven different levels. Sessions last eight weeks, and with adequate progress, students advance one level per session.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
If you have questions or are interested in receiving more information about the CIEP International Friendship Program, please contact the CIEP Student Services Coordinator at cieppartners@uni.edu. Information is also available on our website at www.uni.edu/ciep/activities/ifp.
ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

In 1965, the International Friendship Program (IFP) was established by the local branch of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with the University of Northern Iowa International Services Office (ISO). Seventeen years later, the Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP) began the Families and Friends host family program. As both CIEP and ISO sought to better promote cultural exchange between international students and U.S. American host families, the two programs were integrated into the IFP.

This non-residential program has served the needs of thousands of international students from over 70 countries, speaking more than 50 languages. Students come to UNI to improve their English language skills for academic, personal and professional reasons. Many students complete academic degrees as well.

ACTIVITIES

International students are eager to meet U.S. American families and understand U.S. American culture beyond the stereotypes they see on TV. An invitation to a home, a shared meal or a night of games can create a lasting memory that adds great value to their educational experience at UNI. In addition to regular meetings with your students, the University of Northern Iowa sponsors an annual International Friendship Program Thanksgiving Potluck every November for volunteers and students to celebrate this classic American holiday together.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

If your family is willing to welcome an international student into your lives once a month, please complete the attached application and return to Bartlett Hall Room 3025 or visit www.uni.edu/ciep/activities/ifp to apply online. Once we have received your application, you will be asked to attend a brief orientation session.