

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ESSAYS

Each of these sections should be completed by the student without assistance from anyone else. We want the student's personality and writing style to be presented.

Please answer the following four questions in essay format (about three paragraphs for each question).

- 1. Personal life:** The first essay should be written in the form of a letter to your future host family. In the letter, please:
 - Introduce yourself and your family.
 - Tell about your home.
 - Describe yourself. What is your personality like? How would your friends and family describe you?
 - Describe your relationship with your parents and siblings.
 - Describe any pets you may have in your home. How do you feel about a host family that has pets?
 - List the household tasks for which you are responsible at home. Would you be willing to contribute to the life of your host family by taking part in household tasks?
 - List any food/menu preferences that your host family should know about. (i.e. vegetarian, gluten-free, vegan, food allergies,)
 - Describe any hobbies/activities you enjoy after school. Include any other details you would like your host family to know.
- 2. School life:** Please discuss your past school experience, any work or volunteer experiences, and your future school and career goals. Address the following questions in your essay:
 - Tell us about a typical school day. Where do you live while attending school?
 - Describe your English ability. How many years have you been studying? What do you do during your daily English class? When and where do you practice your English outside of school?
 - What is the strongest and weakest part of your English proficiency (reading, writing, speaking, or listening)? What are you doing to improve?
 - Describe any part-time jobs, work experience, or volunteer experiences.
 - What are your goals for your education and life? What are your career goals? Do you have specific universities in mind?
 - What are your parents' goals for you? Where do they want you to attend university?
- 3. Values and beliefs:** In this essay, please describe the role of faith and/or religious practices/beliefs in your family. Do you and your family attend religious services regularly? How do you and your family feel about learning about Christianity in the context of a Christian school and host family?
- 4. Travel and culture:** In this essay, please discuss past travel and cultural experiences, explain your desire to attend CHCA. Be sure to address the following questions in your essay:
 - What experience have you had with different people and different cultures? Where have you traveled outside of your home country? What have you learned? Give an example of your openness to people and new ideas.
 - Describe your experiences living away from your biological parents. How do you plan to adjust to the differences between your parents' expectations and your host family's expectations? (i.e. curfews, household responsibilities, meals, etc.)
 - How will you share your culture with your host family and school?
 - Why are you interested in studying in the U.S.? Why are you interested in CHCA?
 - Describe your feelings about attending school in the United States. What is your biggest concern about attending school in the U.S.? How will you deal with this concern?

