

**NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD
HOST FAMILY APPLICATION FORM 2010**

Deadline: March 19th 2010

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mailing Address:

Street Address (if different than address listed above):

Daytime Phone: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

Evening Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Best way and time to contact you: _____

We live: in a town less than 25,000 in a small city (25,000- 100,000)
 in a larger city (over 100,000)

Our home is in: a rural area an urban area

1. How did you hear about Northern Youth Abroad (NYA)?

2. Why would you like to be an NYA Host Family?

YOUR FAMILY

1. Please list the adult caregiver(s) in your household.

Caregiver(s) Name	Age	Occupation

Please indicate your marital status (i.e. married, divorced, widowed, single):

2. Please list all the children in your household.

Children's Names	Gender <small>(Please Circle)</small>	Birth Date (m/d/y)	Age <small>(as of June 1/10)</small>	Live at home?
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	/ /		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

3. Please list all other persons living in your home.

Full Name	Gender	Age	Relationship to the Family
	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F		
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4. Please indicate if you have pets in your home:

Cat(s) Dog(s) Other(s) _____

5. Please describe your family's typical weekday. Include details such as when you leave for work and when you get home.

NAME	ACTIVITY	When leave home	When get home

6. Please describe your family's typical weekend. Include details such as - do you go camping, visit relatives, or take part in community events?

7. Who will be the main companion(s) of the participants during their stay?

8. How much time are you able to commit to the NYA participants outside of their volunteer work placements?

YOUR CONNECTION TO NORTHERN CANADA

1. Please list any connections you may have with northern Canada? (i.e. travel or work experience)

CROSS CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

1. Have you hosted students before? Yes No If yes please describe:

For how long?	How old were they?	Where were they from?

2. Have any family members lived or travelled abroad or had cross-cultural experiences? If so, please describe who, where, when, etc.

FAMILY INTERESTS

1. Please list the clubs/organizations your family members belong to.

2. Please list any hobbies and special interests of your family members.

3. If applicable, please describe any religious affiliations your family has.

4. If you attend a religious service, is it important that the participants attend with you?

- Yes
- Does not matter
- Not applicable

YOUR COMMUNITY

1. How would you describe your community? (Please include information regarding population, location, amenities, access to public transportation and local attractions.)

2. What type of volunteer placements might be available to NYA participants in your area?

3. Is public transportation available to transport participants to and from their work placement? Yes No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Would you accept participants who are smokers?* (Participants will be asked to only smoke outside of the home) Will accept smoker(s)
 Prefer non-smoker(s), but will accept smoker(s) Will not accept smokers

*Please note: One notable difference between Northern Canada and “the South” is that smoking is still very common and widely accepted. NYA is committed to supporting participants in making healthy lifestyle choices, and incorporates smoking cessation sessions into our program, however inevitably each year a large portion of our participants are smokers. Please be aware that selecting non-smokers ONLY may result in us not being able to place participants in your home.

2. Do you have a preference between hosting males or females?

Prefer females Prefer males No Preference

3. Will the participants have his/her own room? Yes No (Sharing is fine, but youth must have his/her own bed)

4. Many northern youth are accustomed to eating meat/fish in their diet almost daily. Part of the youth's experience will be adjusting to some new foods and different types of meals, however would there be reasons (i.e. vegetarian, religion, health, etc.) why meat would not be available occasionally in the home?

Yes No Comments _____

5. Will your participants have the opportunity to meet other teenagers in the community (ie. through neighbours, family friends, etc)? _____

6. If your family will be spending any time during the youths stay at a different address, please indicates dates, address and phone number (If not know at this time, please inform NYA staff when your plans are made). _____

7. What type of participants do you think would fit best in your home and family?

NEXT STEPS

1. Please list any questions you may have or use this space for anything else you would like to expand upon. (Use additional sheets if required).

2. Please provide contact information below for 3 references (ex. colleagues, neighbours, etc.) These references will be contacted for a brief interview in support of your application. Please do not use family members as references.

References in Support of NYA Application					
Full Name	Relationship to applicant	Daytime Phone	Evening Phone	Email Address	Best Time to Contact

3. Do you know of any other families that may wish to host NYA participants?
If yes, please provide their contact information below.

Telephone interviews will be scheduled with selected host family applicants and their references. A police background check of all host family members over the age of 16 is mandatory upon selection (completed within the previous 6 months).

Successful applicants will receive a Host Family Handbook and will have regular contact with the NYA Program Staff before and during the summer placement.

Please submit this form via email, fax or mail to:

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If you have any questions, please contact the NYA office. Thank you!

