

Each year our International Student Host program matches interested incoming international students with families in the local area, members of the Greater Kansas City People to People Chapter.

Students

- Are you interested to make new friends and long lasting relationships here in the USA?
- Are you willing to learn more about the American culture and lifestyle?
- Are you looking for additional experiences outside of school campus and involvement with the local community?
- Are you looking for an additional support system and someone to confide or get advice from or mentorship?

If so, this program is a perfect match for you! We invite you to participate in the our International Student Host program during the next academic year.

Each year students are matched with hosts who may be families with children, couples, or single volunteers who are eager to learn about other cultures and lifestyles, make new friendships all around the world that often last beyond the college years of a student.

The program allows students to transition into a new life easier, make new friends and long lasting connections and participate fully within a local community. Students learn about the American culture and obtain family-like support from the participating host families. [Click here](#) to learn more about obtaining a host family while attending UMKC.

Hosts

The International Student Host program matches local families with international students at local universities and colleges. It allows hosts to connect with a student and opportunity to share the lifestyle and local community together. The students come from various parts of the world, and sometimes had never been to the U.S. before or had never been away from home for such long periods of time. This program is an exciting and unique opportunity to engage students and families in direct citizen diplomacy in the greater Kansas City area, and let students learn firsthand about the importance and value of citizen diplomacy and value of volunteerism from the participating chapter members. [Click here](#) to learn more about becoming a host family for an international student attending UMKC.



Friendship Program

The International Student Host program is a friendship program, and does not involve homestays. International students don't live with their hosting families. Instead, they join their hosts in activities that expose them to aspects of U.S. life that they might not otherwise experience; for example, join the family for dinner, sports, concerts, cultural events or sightseeing around the Greater Kansas City area, spend holidays and other family related activities together. Participating in the program is voluntary for both students and hosts.

If you are interested in being part of this program, please visit us at www.gkcptp.org for more details or contact Irina Kobzeva at ishp@gkcptp.org.

Greater Kansas City People to People

Greater Kansas City People to People is a not-for-profit organization. People to People has chapters around the world and headquarters are here in Kansas City. It was started by native Kansan, Dwight D Eisenhower. Our goal is to promote understanding, goodwill, and friendship among the citizens of Greater Kansas City, the United States and people of other countries and cultures to build an enduring world peace. Our mission as citizen diplomats, is to promote international understanding and friendship. We accomplish this through educational, humanitarian, and cultural activities that provide direct contact and exchange of ideas between people of Greater Kansas City and people from other countries and cultures.