STUDENT ESSAYS

Student Name: _____

Student- In your own words, respond to the following essay questions, introducing yourself to your future host family and school. Keep in mind that this will be their first impression of you. Provide as much detail as possible. These essays must be written in English and signed by the student.

1. Describe yourself. Tell about an important accomplishment or special interest. Tell about your strengths and weaknesses and likes and dislikes. (What activities do you enjoy? Have you received awards in any of these areas? What things do you find easy or difficult? Do you like or dislike certain foods, animals, etc?)

2. Describe your family and home. (Introduce your family members. What are their names and ages, and occupations? What is your home like? Do you have your own room, or do you share a room with others? Where in your house do you study? How far is your home from your school? Do you drive, ride a bus or a bicycle, or walk to school?)

3. Describe your involvement in a faith community. (Do you go to church? How do you participate? Why do you participate?)

4. Describe a typical day at school. (How many subjects do you take? What are they? How long are the classes? What is your daily schedule during the school year? Start when you wake up and discuss only on typical day's schedule.)

5. Describe what you do in your free time. (Do you spend time with friends or family? How do you spend your free time?)

6. Describe your community. (Is it in or near a major city? What is the population? Industry? Economy?)

7. Describe any trips you have taken outside your country. (Where did you go? Why did you take these trips? Who did you go with? How long did you stay?)

8. Describe an important experience in your life. (What did you learn from the experience? Why is it important to you?)

9. Describe your plans and ambitions for your education and career. (Do you want to attend a university? What professional goals do you have?)

10. Describe what you specifically hope to accomplish as an international student, both during your time abroad and when you return home. (Do you have any specific hopes and expectations?)

11. Describe how you will share your culture with your host family and school. (How will your host family and school be enriched by welcoming you as an exchange student?)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____