



Student Application Form

This form is to be completed by the **Student applying for the
SLSCC Student Exchange Program**

Please read this application carefully in conjunction with the Student Exchange Program Agreements and Information Sheet and don't hesitate to ask for assistance if you do not understand a particular question or have difficulty in providing an answer. It is important that you are open and honest with your answers. This is the primary source of information used to assess your application to be selected for the exchange and for subsequent pairing if selected. Please note:

- If selected, your application will assist in determining your Lakewood exchange partner and a copy will be supplied to that partner at the Pairings Function to be held during April.
- It is imperative that you notify us if your circumstances change after the completion of this application.
- Any preference you express may not be able to be accommodated by the Pairings Committee.

Your participation in the Exchange Program may be reviewed or cancelled at any time, if information comes to hand contradicting the details you provide during the application and selection process.

Before filling in this form please use the following checklist to ensure you satisfy the essential criteria to be eligible for selection. It is **essential** that applicants satisfy ALL of the following:

- Live in and attend a school located in Sutherland Shire with no known plan to move prior to the completion of the Higher School Certificate.
- Will be in Year 10 in 2020
- Are prepared to host an American Student in your home during the six months from January to July upon your return to Australia.
- Meet the minimum educational requirements of Jeffco school board in Lakewood (ie. at least average academic achievement. This has been equated to a "C average".)
- Commit to completing Year 12 on return to Australia
- Be able to demonstrate an ability and determination to maintain or improve on current school performance.

Affirmation

If I am selected to be involved in this program, I fully agree to participate in the program as described in this application, agreements and information sheets. I further affirm that all responses given by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understood all documentation provided and agree to abide by the rules, policies, procedures and guidelines contained therein.

Student Name:

Date:

Signature:

Student Questionnaire

Please complete all fields. If a field is not applicable please insert N/A, or if an answer is not known please insert N/K.

Name & Birth Details: (as they appear on your passport or photo ID)

Family Name: Date

First Name:

of Birth: Country of

Place of

Birth:

Birth:

Nationality:

Contact Details:

Home Phone: Email:

Address:

Mobil

e:

Skype

Family Details:

Father's Name:

Name & Age of Sisters: Name

& Age of Brothers:

:

Mother's Name:

General Details:

1. Do you live with both of your parents?

If No, please include details concerning separated and blended families:

2. Would you object to being placed in a single parent family?

3. Religion | Faith | Denomination:

4. I attend Church | Church activities:

5. Would you object to being placed in a family of a different

faith? If yes, please include details of your concerns:

6. Do you have a part time job? If yes, how many hours per week:

7. Will you give priority to the exchange program over a girlfriend, boyfriend or part time job?

8. Do you smoke?

9. Does anyone in your house smoke?

10. Would you be comfortable with someone smoking in the US home?

11. Would you object to your exchange student smoking in your home?

12. For an exchange partner I would prefer – Please Circle
female -
male -

13. Where did you first hear about the Exchange?

School

Details:

Please provide us with a copy of all your High School yearly and half yearly reports for Year 7, 8 & 9. This is important so that we can accurately assess your educational progress to ensure you meet the academic standards required by the US education authorities.

School: Address: Phone: Principal:

Year Adviser: Year:

Please list the subjects you intend to study in Year 10:

How would you rate yourself as a student?

Distance to school: How do you get to school:

Student Photos

Please insert 3 different recent photos of yourself below. At least one photo should be a portrait (current school photo is fine). Please limit the size of each photo to 1Mb file size - OR include as attachments to application

Family Photos

Please insert 2 different recent photos of you with your family below. Please limit the size of each photo to 1Mb file size. OR include as attachments to application

Activity Details:

Please help us understand which activities you Like or Dislike by completing the table below. You have the option of adding additional activities if not listed. **Please only mark those which you actively Like or Dislike.**

Activity	Like	Dislike
Playing Team Sports		
Football (AFL League Union)		
Soccer		
Hockey		
Basketball		
Netball		
Baseball Softball		
Cricket		
Other		
Tennis		
Golf		
Ice Roller Skating Blading		
Bowling		
Outdoor Activities		
Hunting Fishing		
Camping		
Snow Skiing Boarding		
Boating Canoeing Sailing		
Horse Riding		
Water Skiing		
Swimming		
Other		

Activity	Like	Dislike
Music		
Playing musical instruments		
Singing		
Listening to music		
Dancing		
Drama		
Other		
Community Service		
Watching Television		
Photography		
Sewing		
Cooking		
Gardening		
Social Club Peer Groups		
Dance Clubs		
World Events Discussion		
Watching Sports		
Visiting museums galleries		
Chess or Board Games		
Religious Activities		
Playing electronic games		
Other		

What are the 3 most important activities to you from the list above:

Please explain why these 3 activities are the most important to you:

Personal Details:

Choose the option which most relates to you.

- Q1. D Most of my activities are with my family
D Few of my activities are shared with my family
- Q2. D I like doing things with my friends
D I do most things independently
- Q3. D My family is demonstrative and open about expressing feelings
D My family is rather reserved and we keep our emotions to ourselves
- Q4. D I am rather demonstrative about expressing my feelings
D I am reserved about expressing my feelings
- Q5. D I usually go to my mother for advice
D I usually go to my father for advice
D I go to my mother and father equally for advice
- Q6. D I am used to having free time alone every day and value that time
D I usually spend a lot of my free time with friends
- Q7. Of my free time, I spend D most time in D team sports
D some time in D individual sports
D little time in D both team and individual sports
- Q8. D Neatness is important. My appearance, room and belongings are almost always tidy
D I am usually not very neat, and tend to be casual in dress and with my personal belongings
- Q9. D I have spent quite a bit of time away from family before
D I have not been away from home by myself before
- Q10. D I have not travelled outside of Australia before
D I have travelled outside of Australia before
Where & when:
- Q11. D I have had an exchange student stay with my family before
Where were they from?
D I have never been involved with a student exchange
- Q12. D I enjoy having pets in the home
D I do not enjoy having pets in the home
- Q13. List any pets you have at home:
1.
2.
3.
- Q14. Do the pets spend their time inside the house?
1.
2.
3.

Are there any comments you would like to make regarding your answers above that may require further explanation?
Please feel free to include that information here:

Essay Questions

The response to Question 1 must be handwritten by you and attached. Other responses may be handwritten in the space provided or handwritten/typed and attached.

1. Write a letter of application (minimum of 80 words) to the **Jefferson County Schools Board**. This letter is **not** to explain why you want to be selected for the exchange but **why you should be allowed to attend an American High School**. It should include information about yourself and your reasons for wanting to attend school in Jefferson County.

It must be set out in letter format. It should read like a job application promoting your academic qualities and what you expect to achieve by attending an American school. This letter will be forwarded and read by officials of the Jefferson County Schools Board. It is a requirement for enrolment.

2. In a minimum of 100 words, explain why you have applied for this Exchange Program, what you expect to gain from it and what you think your biggest challenges will be.

3. In a minimum of 200 words, tell us about the biggest challenge you have faced in your life up until now. How did it affect you and the people close to you? Explain how you responded to the situation and any resulting impact it has made on your life.

4. In a minimum of 100 words, tell us about any activities you are involved in outside of the subjects you study at school. You should include all organisations, sporting clubs, volunteer groups etc in or out of school and explain your involvement.

5. In a minimum of 700 words, write an essay covering all of the following;

- a. Describe yourself and your interests;
- b. Describe your relationship with each member of your immediate family;
- c. Tell us about your parents and discuss your feelings about them;
- d. Describe how you get along with your friends;
- e. Describe your responsibilities at home and also outside your family;
- f. Describe what you did last weekend;
- g. Describe your typical day's activities, both during the school year and during holiday;
- h. Comment on the things that are important to you;
- i. Discuss anything else you would like people to know about you

