

Calgary Sister Cities

Youth Ambassador Exchange Program (YAEP)

APPLICATION PACKAGE 2007 Phoenix/Calgary Exchange

EXCHANGE DATES:

June 30 – July 15, 2007: Phoenix students hosted in Calgary, Alberta.

July 15 – August 6, 2007: Calgary students hosted in Phoenix, Arizona.

Prepared by Calgary Sister Cities

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Calgary High School Students are invited to apply for the 2007 Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program!

Calgary Sister City initiatives, managed by Calgary Economic Development, are designed to foster business and cultural relationships with our 6 sister cities around the world. Calgary Sister Cities is excited to invite enthusiastic students interested in spending approximately 2 weeks in **Phoenix, Arizona** and hosting a **Phoenix student** in Calgary with their family, to apply for the 2007 Youth Ambassador Exchange Program (YAEP).

Calgary High School students ages 16 and 17 are eligible to apply for this exciting two week exchange program which will take place in the summer of 2007. Phoenix students will be hosted in Calgary from June 30, 2007 – July 15, 2007. From July 15, 2007 – August 6, 2007 Calgary students will in turn, be hosted in Phoenix, Arizona.

If you have any questions, please call Lorraine Campbell, Team Assistant, Calgary Economic Development at (403) 221-7896. You may also contact her by email at lorraine@calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com.

Airfare, insurance and spending money are the responsibility of the student. Costs related to home hosting are also the responsibility of the participant and their family (please see attached documents for more details).

GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!

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Checklist

Please ensure that you have read and understood all forms, and that all forms are true, complete and properly signed.

The following are due by 4:30pm on May 8, 2007:

- Student Application Form
 - including a copy of report card
 - attach relevant medical information
 - attach 250 word essay
- A recent photo (color or black and white, recent, sharp for reproduction and NOT larger than 2½ x 2½).
- Host Family Application Form

Deliver or mail the applicable forms (allow five days for mailing) to:

Address:
Calgary Sister Cities
Calgary Economic Development
Telus Convention Centre
731 – 1st Street S.E.
Calgary, AB T2G 2G9
Attention: Lorraine Campbell

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5. Do you smoke? _____
6. Will you require special consideration to practice your religion while on exchange? _____
If so, please describe. _____
7. School _____ Year in School _____
School Address: _____

Note: Please attach a copy of your most recent report card.

8. Father's/Guardian's Full Name _____
Address (if different) _____
Occupation _____ Home Phone _____
Business Telephone Number _____
Fax _____ Email _____
9. Mother's/Guardian's Full Name _____
Address (if different) _____
Occupation _____ Home Phone _____
Business Telephone Number _____
Fax _____ Email _____
10. Names and ages of brother(s) and sister(s), if any _____

11. Country of Citizenship. _____

12. Do you have an objection to staying in a home with pets? _____

13. Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please describe. _____

14. What is your state of health? Please provide details with respect to any and all medical conditions that may impact travel decisions (Note that a medical may be required upon acceptance. Should this be necessary, the student will obtain the required medical information to submit to the Calgary Sister Cities). If you are unsure, please consult a physician.

15. List activities that you have been involved in within the last 2 years, such as school, community or church activities _____

16. Hobbies _____

17. Foreign languages, number of years studied and fluency (speak (S), read (R), write (W)):
Language: _____ Years Studied: _____ Degree of Fluency: _____
Language: _____ Years Studied: _____ Degree of Fluency: _____
Others? _____

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18. Have you lived or traveled abroad? If so, places and dates of stay. Describe your experiences.

19. Has your family ever hosted an international exchange student?

20. List any prior or current participation in youth exchanges or volunteer activities.

21. On a separate sheet of paper, using no more than 250 words per question, please explain:

- a) why you want to participate in the Calgary Youth Ambassador Exchange Program.
- b) what does the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program mean to you?

22. On a separate sheet of paper, using no more than 250 words per question, please describe:

- a) yourself, members of your family and your family relationships.
- b) how you will adapt to different cultures, customs and experiences.

23. On a separate sheet of paper, please have a parent or guardian describe (using no more than 250 words) why you will make a good ambassador for The City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta and Canada.

24. Please indicate how you learned about the Calgary Youth Ambassador Exchange Program.

25. Please share anything else you feel is pertinent to your application.

26. Please note and complete the following if selected:

- Schedule "A" – Information Guide
- Waivers – Schedule "B"
- Travel Authorization Form – Schedule "C"
- Medical Information and Release – Schedule "D"
- Allergy Alert Form – Schedule "E"
- Student Post Exchange Evaluation – Schedule "F"
- Host Family Post Exchange Evaluation – Schedule "G"
- Provide relevant medical concerns or details.

Student Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program guidelines and requirements. I understand that if chosen I shall abide by all of the rules and act responsibly while living with the host family and shall observe the laws of Alberta, Canada and the laws of the host country.

Witness

Signature of Applicant

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

My son/daughter, as a resident of the City of Calgary, has my permission to apply for and participate in the Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program. I have reviewed his/her application and concur that it is true and accurate. As the applicant's parent and/or guardian, should it be necessary I hereby authorize the host family to act for me in any emergency, accident or illness in the event my son/daughter is selected for the student exchange.

Witness

Signature of Mother/Guardian

Witness

Signature of Father/Guardian

Hosting Family Acknowledgment

The Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is based on a host family system. Please sign below indicating your family's ability and commitment to host a Phoenix exchange student in Calgary from June 30, 2007 – July 15, 2007. Students traveling must be able to complete the hosting commitment. Please complete the separate Host Family Application Form and submit it with this Student Application.

Signature of Father/Guardian

Signature of Mother/Guardian

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- **Calgary Sister Cities reserves the right to disqualify any student at any time from the application program if they are found to be ineligible or fail to meet the program goals or requirements for any reason whatsoever.**
- **Calgary Sister Cities reserves the right to alter or remove a student once selected due to unfulfilled requirements or disciplinary problems.**

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For Exchange Program Coordinator use only:

Exchange Student _____ Country / Organization _____

Exchange Program Coordinator _____ Date of Interview _____

Host Student _____ Airport Information _____

Host Country Coordinator _____ Airport Information _____

Package Completed _____

Comments _____

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HOST FAMILY APPLICATION FORM

DISCLAIMER

Note: This personal information is being collected herein under the provisions of Section 33 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used to select participants for, and in implementing, the Calgary Youth Ambassador Exchange Program for the year 2007. The information is protected by the Privacy Provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have any questions about the use of collected information, please contact: Calgary Sister Cities at (403) 221-7896.

Application Instructions:

1. Type or print clearly and legibly, using black or blue ink.
2. Give complete answers, and be sure to sign and date the form at the bottom of the last page.
3. Return the completed Application and all required documents to the Calgary Sister Cities.
4. The information requested is required of all applicant families and is used to assist in the selection of host families which are representative of our community or area.
5. Only one application per family or household involved is needed.
6. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

Your application does not confirm placement of a student in your home. **Placement of a student in your home is contingent on approval by Calgary Sister Cities or its agent.**

- 1) Father/Guardian Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*
- Mother/Guardian Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*
- Address: _____
City Province Postal Code
- Daytime Phone: () _____ (f/g) Evening Phone: () _____
 Daytime Phone: () _____ (m/g) Fax: () _____
- 2) Family information: List each member of your household; include name, age, sex, occupation, interests, and languages spoken.

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Interests	Languages

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- 3) Would you welcome a student with a different religious belief into your home and provide reasonable allowances to practice this religion if necessary? _____
- 4) As a host family, are you willing to accept a student into your home who may be of another race or religious preference and who may have customs in which you are unfamiliar?

- 5) a) Number and kinds of pets in your home: _____
b) Could any of those pets be considered dangerous? _____

- 6) Have you hosted anyone from another country before? If yes, please provide details.

- 7) Please describe the living accommodations you can provide for an exchange student (private bedroom and bath, etc.):

- 8) Describe a typical day in the life of your family: _____

- 9) Describe a typical weekend in the life of your family: _____

- 10) Describe the typical work schedule for the adults in your household:

- 11) Do any household members have any medical, psychological or physical disabilities? If yes, please describe.

- 12) Would you accept an exchange student who is a smoker? Yes No
- 13) Would you accept more than one exchange student? Yes No Limit _____

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14) Please list four references, including your most recent employer (maximum one relative):

Name	Address	Phone	Relationship	Years Known

Note: By signing below, Calgary Sister Cities or its agent may contact the above listed individuals and make inquiries as to the potential suitability of being a host family.

15) Would you be willing to submit to a City of Calgary Police Security Check if your son or daughter is selected to participate in the program?

16) If there is anything else you would like to tell us in considering your application, please use the space below.

17) As part of the evaluation process, will you permit a Calgary Sister Cities representative to visit your home for an interview?

Host Family Acknowledgment

I (We) the undersigned understand that the Calgary Sister Cities or its agent may contact the references noted above and otherwise verify any information provided herein. I (We) represent and warrant that we will provide an acceptable and safe hosting environment for the Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program.

I (We) the undersigned have read and understand the guidelines and requirements of the Calgary Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program. I (We) represent and warrant that the above noted information is complete and accurate.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Witness

Signature of Mother/Guardian

Witness

Signature of Father/Guardian

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For Exchange Program Coordinator use only:

Exchange Student _____ Country / Organization _____

Exchange Program Coordinator _____ Date of Home Visit _____

Host Student _____ Airport Information _____

Host Country Coordinator _____ Arrival Information _____

Comments _____

Special Requirements _____

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