The Time to Act is Now!

- An application must be completed to be approved as a host family.
- If you would like more information on being a host family, contact Katy Karg at 330.773.66585, ext. 258 or kargk@hoban.org as soon as possible. Our applicants are waiting for host families. We need you before we can commit to them.

About the Program

- Beginning in the 2013-14 school year, Hoban will welcome 10 students (grades 9 and 10) from China.
- To actively market our school in China, Hoban has partnered with Three W U.S. Three W has been in the business of student recruitment for schools in North America since 1998 and has long-standing relationships with Catholic high schools in the U.S. and Canada.
- Three W serves as our admissions office in China and provides support through every step of the process.
- Our applicants from China meet the same admissions standards as our American applicants, but they also undergo English proficiency testing and a Skype interview. Some may initially need help in spoken English.
Objectives

• Hoban has had international students on our campus over the years, but never a formal, yearlong program.

• The purpose of this program is to enrich the educational experience of our American students by giving them the opportunity to learn the global nature of our world. There is no doubt that our students today will benefit tomorrow from their exposure to global citizenship.

• At the same time, our international students come to us hungry for a holistic education that is not available to them at home.

• Their experience at Hoban will give them the opportunity to graduate from a nationally recognized college preparatory high school while they grow in their understanding of the English language and American culture.

Requirements

• Home for our guest student for one school year

• Private or semi-private bedroom for one student in your home and access to a bathroom

• Wireless internet connection for Hoban Connected iPad Program

• Include guest in family activities throughout stay

• Transportation to and from school and school-related events

• Accountability to assigned Hoban staff and to the family in China (monthly reports on child’s well being)

• Complete Diocese of Cleveland VIRTUS training and background screening (for all members of your home age 18 and up)

• Serve as an advocate and representative to the student (attend school meetings on behalf of the student, access to PowerSchool, facilitate purchasing books and official school shirts, support in Christian service program, etc.)

Benefits

• Make a difference in the life of a young person

• Enrich the life of your family

• Increase the cultural awareness in your community and home

• Teach a student about American values

• Experience the joy of having a new family member to love

• Build a life-long friendship

• Practice hospitality and generosity in your home

• Grow closer as a family

• Help grow the Hoban family and make a student’s dream come true

• Receive $940 monthly stipend to offset the costs of hosting a student for the ten months in your home