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Host Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Background Check Release Form

Dear Host Family,

The Academic Year in America (AYA) program is designated by the U.S. Department of State to conduct the AYA program.

The U.S. Department of State regulations for high school exchange programs require AYA to conduct a background check on all host family members and anyone residing in your home who is over the age of 18. This rule helps to ensure the safety of our program participants.

We appreciate your sharing the information required below in order for us to perform the appropriate background checks. We recognize that this is private information and want to assure you that this information will be safeguarded accordingly.

*Please fax to 203.724.1536 or email to [ayacompliance@aifs.org](mailto:ayacompliance@aifs.org)*

The undersigned acknowledges that the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation may conduct background checks of the undersigned's household members over the age of 18, including records of government authorities. We have received and read the U. S. Department of State regulations, which are included in this packet, for exchange visitor teenage programs. We, the host family members, agree to read and abide by the host family policies and guidelines detailed in the AYA Host Family Guide. We represent that all household members 18 and older are named below.

By signing below I am authorizing AYA to conduct an annual criminal background check on me for each year that I am involved with the program in any capacity. I understand that should this requirement change in the future, or should this release form be updated in any way, I will be asked to sign a new release form.

**Please provide complete information for all members of your household that are 18 years of age or older. Please note that college students who attend college out of town are still considered residents if they maintain a permanent mailing address at the host family's residence. In such cases, they must complete a background check as well. In addition, please include any family members that will be turning 18 years old during the student's stay.**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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