

Mail application to :
Nicaragua Summer Exchange
4017 Tokay Blvd.
Madison, WI 53711



Please attach
one wallet size photo of
applicant
(required)

Nicaragua Summer Exchange - APPLICATION SUMMER 2008 - Nicaragua Summer Exchange

Application Fee: \$300.00, make check or money order to: Nicaragua Summer Exchange

(The Application fee is included in the total program tuition) 2008 Program Tuition: \$3800.00

Circle your Four Week program dates:

1st Session: June 15th - July 12th / 2nd Session: July 13th - August 9th

(Contact Program Director if you are interested in attending both sessions - 2 Months)

Personal information: Write name clearly and exactly as it will appear on your passport.

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ E-mail _____ Age _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? ____ Passport Number _____ Date Passport expires _____

(If applying for passport e-mail the information later) Name of nearest major Airport _____

Name of your high school _____ Grade level _____ Spanish teacher _____

Parental Information: Carefully print below your most reliable parent e-mail address, we use this e-mail for important program information and for communicating from Nicaragua:

email: _____

Mother Name: _____ Phone numbers: 1. () _____ 2. () _____

Father Name: _____ Phone numbers: 1. () _____ 2. () _____

Other Guardian/Emergency contact: Name: _____ Phone: () _____

In order to enjoy a safe, healthy and rewarding experience; Parents please describe below in detail any special needs!

(Medical conditions, prescriptions, religious beliefs, etc.)

Community Service/Youth Exchange (Application part two)

Interacting with Nicaraguan youth in fun and positive ways may sound easy, but in a different language and culture it requires extra energy, and personal dedication!

Students are most successful interacting with local youth when they incorporate their own interests:

Please tell us about your own personal interests and talents: (what do you do for fun?)

(Some examples: Art, Music, Dance, Soccer, Games, Cooking,, Writing, Crafts, Teaching Golf?)

Primary interest/Skills: _____

Now circle the level of difficulty you might have sharing your activity in Spanish with local kids in Nicaragua,

1. Easy 2. Somewhat challenging 3. I'm not sure 4. Could be complicated 5. Mission Impossible

For example: Can golf really be implemented in a poor country like Nicaragua? Real golf no!

But the idea of Golf, adapting the sport to local conditions will depend on your creativity, energy, and commitment to building friendships.

Do you have prior community service experience? _____ Type of service? _____

Circle your Spanish level:

-Motivated beginner - -Some understanding but don't speak - -Can speak short sentences-

-I have solid Spanish skills but lack speaking experience - -I'm confident in Spanish, ready for a real challenge-

Circle the cultural activities that you would enjoy exploring during your morning Spanish Session:

1. Painting 2. Arts and Crafts 3. History/Politics 4. Guitar/Marimba 5. Photography 6. Pottery 7. Cooking

Years studied Spanish _____ Ever traveled to Latin America? _____

Host Family:

My favorite foods are _____

Host family lodging: (leave blank if you have no preference)

1. I'm willing to share a room with my host sister/brother (same gender)

2. I need a private room

How would you describe yourself: (example: early riser, somewhat shy, enjoy reading, I have a pet dog, picky eater)

Student - Parent Reality Check (Application part three)

Please circle the numbers that you agree with!

1. My interest in participating in this high school exchange are my own, not my parents or my friends.
2. My actions in country will reflect the values of my country, my family and myself.
3. I understand that this is a community immersion program, and not a tour trip!
4. A new culture, language and home life will require extra patience, additional energy and plenty of humor.
5. I realize that I will have to adapt to the local environment and not the other way around.
6. It is my responsibility to understand and adapt to the rules and changes that may occur.
7. Alcohol or drug use will result in immediate dismissal.
8. I will speak only Spanish during Spanish sessions and I will make a commitment to interact with local people.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE

I affirm that the information I have given in support of my application is correct to the best of my knowledge. My participation in the program is voluntary. With acceptance of my application, I will: (1) assume full legal and financial responsibility for my stay in Nicaragua; (2) voluntarily and without reservation on behalf of myself, my heirs, and my estate, hold harmless the Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program, its employees and partners, from any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, and expenses related to the Nicaragua study program (including those related to travel to and from the program site). (3) grant the Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program, its employees and partners full authority to act in any attempt to safeguard and preserve my health or safety during my participation in the program including authorizing medical treatment on my behalf. (4) take no unnecessary risks during my stay abroad, and understand that participation in this program has inherent risks (activities such as, but not limited to, sports, swimming, hiking, etc., these activities are offered for enjoyment, but are not mandatory); (5) make immediate repayment at the conclusion of the program for any special expense incurred on my behalf or for funds advanced to me; (6) conform to all standards of conduct related to my Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program; (7) accept termination of participation in the program abroad with no refund of fees and accept responsibility for extra- transportation costs to my home if I fail to maintain the program standards; (8) consent to film or video likeness of me being used in promoting this educational program, and I agree to such use.

Program Standards of Conduct:

Absolute respect, cooperation and compliance with program staff, teachers, school directors and host families. Absolutely no alcohol, drugs, smoking or physical relationships. As a student participant I agree to uphold the program rules which include curfews, safety guidelines, and personal conduct. I have read and understand this form completely. I have read the program "Terms and Conditions" and by signing below agree to those terms. As Parental Guardian I affirm my son/daughter is in excellent physical and mental health and has the maturity to adapt to the challenge of living in a foreign community. While attending the Nicaragua Summer Exchange Program my son/daughter is under the authority and guardianship of the Program Director. As parental guardians we have a copy of the program Terms and Conditions and by signing below we agree to those terms and the terms of this application.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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