ALUMNI OF COLOR AND FRIENDS HOST FAMILY PROGRAM
FOR
STUDENTS OF COLOR/MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS
(Sponsored by The Department of Multicultural Life and The Alumni Office)

The Alumni of Color and Friends Host Family Program enables students of color/multiracial students to interact with people in the Twin Cities community who serve as the hosts of the program and are either alumni of color or friends of the College. Hosts may be individuals or families. Some live in the neighborhoods around Macalester, others live in Minneapolis or in suburbs of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The group of hosts is very diverse, ranging from recent college graduates, families with young children or teenage/college-age children, or retired individuals and couples. Students who participate will start the program the fall semester of their first year. At the end of their first year, students have the choice to continue or discontinue their involvement in the program.

There are a number of ways for host families and students to connect, such as on-campus and off-campus activities (i.e., theater productions, a religious service, a shared meal, or a cultural event, to name just a few). There will also be four on-campus events where students and hosts can interact as a large group: one in the fall, one in the winter, and two in the spring. Beyond that, hosts are expected to interact with their students as both schedules permit, with the expectation that paired hosts and students get together at least three times a semester. We are asking hosts for a commitment of one academic year. Your host(s) however, is not expected to help you with problems such as finding a place to stay during the academic year or vacation periods, financial needs or difficulties, legal matters, serious or medical personal problems. You should contact the Department of Multicultural Life or the Dean of Students Office for guidance in these matters.

Partnering of students and host families will take place late August. You will have a chance to meet your hosts early in the fall.

There are 4 expectations of students involved in this program in order to help you make your relationship with your host(s) as fulfilling as possible. These expectations are:

- Spend time either on-campus or off-campus with your host family on a regular basis.
- Share your perspectives and ideas with your host family.
- Attend program-sponsored events offered by the organizing departments and respond to phone calls and invitations from the host family and the organizing departments.
- Be open to ideas, activities, styles and customs of your host and communicate your concerns to the organizing departments as much as needed.

If you are interested in this program, please fill out and return the attached application by Friday, July 27, 2012. For more information, please contact Afifa Benwahoud in the Department of Multicultural Life at (651) 696-6243, or benwahoud@macalester.edu.

For more information on the Department of Multicultural Life, our staff, and our programming, please visit our websites at http://www.macalester.edu/multiculturallife, and http://www.macalester.edu/lealtad-suzuki.

(Complete Application Form on reverse side)
Alumni of Color and Friends Host Family Program
for Students of Color/Multiracial Students
2012 Student Application and Information Form

Yes! I would like to be matched with a host family.

Please supply the following information:

1) ABOUT YOU:

Name: ____________________________________
City, State and Country: _______________________

Nickname (if any):______________________
Email: ___________________________
Cell phone (if any) _________________

Birth date: _________________________
Ethnicity: _________________________
Gender: _________________________
(optional)

What academic interests might you pursue during your time at Macalester?
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What are some of your interests or hobbies? What were you active in during high school and/or hope to be involved in at Macalester?
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2) FINDING THE RIGHT HOST FAMILY FOR YOU: We will try to honor your request based on the changing profiles of our students and hosts.

What would be the ideal host family for you?

I have no preference – surprise me! ________________________________________________________________________

I would prefer the following type of host family (e.g., family with children/teenagers, single person, retired couple, gay/lesbian couple or individual, particular ethnic background, etc.): ______________________________________________________________
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Other things that would be nice in a host family for me (e.g., interests, profession, religion, family background, any other special requests):
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I would not be comfortable with a host family that: ______________________________________________________________

Is a host family with pets okay? ______________________________________________________________

Do you smoke? ______

Do you have any dietary restrictions? ______ If yes, what?

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3) ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE WRITE A PARAGRAPH OR TWO TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR NEW HOST FAMILY. Include information about yourself, your background, interests, etc., that you think would be of interest to your family, as well as things that you might be interested in doing with them. This letter will be given to your host family.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND THE HOST FAMILY LETTER BY JULY 27th TO: Afifa Benwahoud, The Department of Multicultural Life, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105, or fax it to us at 651-696-6240, or send the information via e-mail to benwahoud@macalester.edu.