How to Get Involved

Application

All you need to do to become involved is to fill out and return an application form. Application forms can be found online or we can send them to you. Copies of all materials can also be found by opening the TIHP promotional DVD in a compatible computer. You can send in an application to the provided address or you can fill in an application online.

Online application:
www.GO-UT.info

Application Deadline: Please submit your application by September 6.

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Come, meet the world!
Discover the Rewards of Cultural Exchange

The Purpose

The Purpose of TIHP is to cooperatively promote cross-cultural learning and friendship between the community and the University, to provide international students at the University of Toledo a positive, culturally rich experience outside the classroom, and to offer local citizens the opportunity and pleasure of making international friends.

The Program

Students are matched on the basis of common interests with a volunteer American Friendship Family for a period of one year. Toledo residents are asked to meet monthly with their students, including them in activities they enjoy, such as sightseeing, sports events, shopping, coffee and conversation, birthdays, home-cooked meals, and holiday celebrations. American friendship partners don't provide permanent housing or assume any financial responsibility for students.

There are more than 2000 international students at the University of Toledo from over 80 countries. The Toledo International Hospitality Program allows you to benefit from a world at your doorstep!

The Toledo International Hospitality Program (TIHP) is governed by its own steering committee and is affiliated with the Center for International Studies and Programs at the University of Toledo. The TIHP provides orientation for American Friendship Families as well as cross-cultural programs and group events each semester. The group events are not mandatory, but are available if you would like to participate.

American Friendship Family Orientation

All American Friendship Family applicants are required to attend an orientation meeting, where we will describe the details of the program and the upcoming events. At that orientation, you will also have the opportunity to choose one or more students based on common interests. Orientation meetings are typically held in the second or third week of September. You will be notified of the times and locations of the meetings after you send in your application. Information will also be posted on the university website at the following address:

www.GO-UT.info

Harvest Party

You will then be invited to a Harvest Party, where you will have the chance to meet your student(s) in the context of a fun evening of activities and refreshments. The Harvest Party is typically held in late September or early October and all applicants will be notified of the details of time and location.