



## CFP U.S. Commitment for Participation

*I/we and our teen understand that we are a representative of our country and of the Creating Friendships for Peace Program. As a result, we understand that by participating in this program, we agree to hold ourselves to high ethical standards as it is an honor to be able to participate in CFP.*

Mother/ Guardian initials	Father/ Guardian initials	Teenager Initials	<b><u>CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION</u></b>
			We have read the CFP document “Teen Family Handbook” and agree to abide by all program rules and policies contained therein.
			We the Parents/Guardians and the teenager understand the purpose of the Program and agree to the teenager’s spending four weeks gaining a global perspective of our world and learning how peacebuilding and friendship can play a role in conflict prevention through workshops and interactions with foreign teenagers.
			We give CFP permission to contact schools and/or others for references on the teenager.
			We understand that receiving the CFP Program graduation certificate is a decision made by the CFP Coordinators based on the quality and behavior of our teens’ participation.
			We understand that our teen is expected to respect and appreciate youth from a country in conflict and must be willing to develop meaningful relationships with them.
			We understand that parents and teens are required to attend the Welcome and Farewell Ceremony.
			We understand that all participants are encouraged to participate in CFP’s alumni program and that CFP reserves the right to contact you post completion for the purpose of alumni engagement and gathering statistical information.
			We agree to contribute the amount listed in Part 2 of the application to the program. Families willing to contribute an additional amount will help the program in covering its considerable expenses.
			We understand that the teenager is not permitted to use the internet in general and particularly social media apps such as Facebook/Instagram/TikTok/Snapchat or other social media and email during her/his participation in the Program.
			We agree to abide by the CFP Cell Phone Policy as attached to this document as Exhibit A.
			We agree to comply with U.S. laws regarding alcohol consumption and smoking and understand that teen drinking and smoking are not allowed at CFP events.

Are you willing to allow your son/daughter to be photographed or included in videos that CFP may choose to use for public relations and marketing purposes? Please circle YES or NO.

**By signing this application, we confirm and agree to the following:**

- All above information is correct, to the best of our knowledge.
- We understand that 50% of the program fee is due upon his/her selection to the U.S. Residential and the remaining 50% is due within 10 days post pairing. Should there be a family emergency or a teen illness that prevents a teen from participating in the program, CFP may consider refunding up to 50% of the total payment.
- We have read, understand, and agree to all the foregoing information.
- We absolve and hold harmless CFP Inc., its volunteers, officers, directors, host families, and any support families of any liability associated with the participation of our child in the program.
- Once completed, this form may be shared with others in the program.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen name: printed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian name: Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Teen signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Parents/Guardian(s) are to deliver signed copies of this document and the completed Medical Insurance Coverage Form to any of the CFP Coordinators no later than 15 March.**

Family Medical Insurance Coverage Form	
The Program does not provide separate medical or dental coverage during the teen’s participation. For this reason we ask that you provide insurance information below. You will be consulted should we need to have your son/daughter treated.	
<b>Insurance Carrier:</b>	
<b>Insurance Carrier Claims Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Policy Number:</b>	
<b>Policy Effective Dates:</b>	
<b>Name of Insured:</b>	
<b>Name of Responsible Party:</b>	
<b>Is this insurance valid in the United States?</b>	<b>YES NO</b>
<b>Is insurance required to be the Primary Carrier?</b>	<b>YES NO</b>

*CFP is about inclusion and diversity. We do not discriminate against our teens or host families based on race, marital status, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, or disability.*

## **Appendix A CFP CELL PHONE POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

CFP, as do other organizations like us, place unusual but meaningful boundaries around cell phone use when bringing teens together from opposing sides of a conflict. This is in place to create a safe environment with limited distractions. By 'unplugging,' we believe that we can offer an enriched-life-changing experience for young leaders by encouraging teens to engage distraction-free with one another, thereby allowing for "deeper connection" and bonding.

We also understand and respect how essential it is for young people and their families to remain in regular contact.

Through access to your son/daughter's host parent, teens will contact their parents when they arrive at their American host family's home and will be allowed to call their parents/siblings daily up to 15 minutes by way of using WhatsApp on the host parents phone. Once a week, the teens can communicate with their parents via videoconference (Zoom/WhatsApp/Facebook Messenger) for 30 minutes each.

Should both sets of parents meet to video-conference with both teens, the call can last 60 minutes. CFP encourages this at least once and suggests that the natural parents follow the call by having a meal together.

The teens are to be respectful of the host family and programme schedule when requesting these brief calls. The cell phone numbers of natural parents, teens and host parents are shared upon the release of matching information. This allows for communication to occur right away in order to build trust and faith early on.

CFP US Leadership will be setting up a Zoom meeting with Year 2 teen applicants, their parents and Cypriot Coordinators as a way to have early engagement regarding our program and to allow them to ask questions.

To assure quality and regular communication, the Area Coordinators will set up a WhatsApp group between their regions teens' natural parents and will communicate regularly how things are going through that group and share pictures. In addition each host family sets up a WhatsApp group chat with their respective teens' natural parents and regularly will send messages and pictures to them. The executive director will be checking in with each area coordinator to assure this is running smoothly.

### **FLIGHT DAYS – INBOUND TO THE USA**

A chaperone will be present with the teens at all times.

During travel, CFP Chaperones are in constant communication with our CFP Transportation Coordinator, notifying when all teens have cleared airport security, when they are checked into their flights, when they have boarded the plane and when they land.

This information, as well as any issue arising from delayed or rerouted flights, will be communicated via group text or email by the CFP Transportation Coordinator to CFP's In Country Coordinators and US Area Coordinators so that the teens' whereabouts are always known. The In-Country Coordinators will inform the teens' parents directly. The US Area Coordinators will inform the US host families. CFP takes seriously its responsibility to keep the parents and the host families informed of all travel stages and information.

You will receive a more detailed email about transportation-day guidelines closer to departure as well as at your pre-departure meeting.

### **HOMESTAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY**

Weekly 30 minute calls with families are permitted and encouraged. While these calls are private, many teens often allow host families to greet their parents during the call for goodwill purposes and some teen parents enjoy sharing information about their teen with the host parent(s). The Host Family will provide their phone for use in these calls or potentially access to a tablet for video calls as well through Zoom or WhatsApp.

### **CFP SAFETY MEASURES**

Please be assured that while the teens are in the US, all CFP leadership, CFP Area Coordinators, and CFP hosts are in cell phone range. At no time will teens be unsupervised and allowed to wander off alone or be on any public transport alone.

Also, we want you to know that all teens will each be asked to carry a card that lists the contact info of their hosts, their local CFP leadership, including a male and female contact, and the executive director's contact.

You can reach us 24/7. In the unlikely event of illness or injury or family emergency, there are no barriers for us to contact each other. In the event of a family emergency you should reach out immediately to your in country coordinator and USA leadership will be contacted immediately regardless of time of day. The same is true if there is an issue with a teen while in the USA. The natural parent will be contacted immediately.

CFP purchases insurance for medical treatment if any teen becomes ill or injured. Should any teen require medical treatment, their host will notify the CFP Area Coordinator, who will contact you immediately.

The safety and well-being of all teens are always our priority.

### **FLIGHT DAYS – OUTBOUND TO HOME COUNTRY**

As with their inbound flights, a CFP chaperone will be accompanying teens at all times.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is our honor and privilege to be able to create this program for a member of your family. We have seen over many decades how teens with curiosity grow into leaders, changemakers, and citizens committed to the next generation of peace.

We firmly believe it all starts when we meet face to face without any barriers.