

Mesa Sister Cities



Mesa Sister Cities Association 2018 YOUTH AMBASSADOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM PACKET

Please read and keep for your information

The Sister City Concept: City affiliations between the United States and other countries became a national effort when President Eisenhower proposed the People-to-People program at a White House Conference in 1956. To date, 1,200 American cities representing all 50 states have affiliated with 2,100 cities in 143 countries around the world. The objective of the program is to create goodwill and further international understanding at the community level on a continuing, long-term basis. It is not a movement to convert others to our democratic ideals, but rather a way to help learn about the people of other countries, their customs, their similarities as well as differences, and help chart a better road to understanding in the world. The Sister City program provides a vehicle by which cities in the United States can find a forum for this interchange of information, ideas and people through the process of affiliation with cities of similar interests in other countries. The President of the United States has historically been the Honorary Chairman and the program has widespread support from the State Department down to the local City Council.

Purpose of Student Exchange: To provide an opportunity for Mesa students and families to develop understanding among the people and the culture of Burnaby-Canada, Caraz-Perú, Guaymas-Mexico, Kaiping-China, Upper Hutt- New Zealand, through a family living experience. The Youth Ambassador Selection Committee makes the final decision regarding the city to which each student will travel.

Home Hosting: All delegates will be home hosted by host families. All delegates home host their "brother/sister" for minimum of 3 weeks upon their return to Mesa. We will expect to host exchange students from our other cities (end of June – July). The specific dates will be determined at a later date.

Student's Time Commitment: During the selection process, **absence from an interview or selection activity will result in being disqualified.** Once selected, all delegates are required to attend orientation and, if applicable, language classes prior to departure; participate in, and play an active role, in the Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program and its activities; attend membership meetings, give talks about the exchange experience; work at the organization's fundraisers and, in general, promote the exchange program. **All students are required to enter Sister Cities International's Young Artist and Authors Showcase (<http://www.sister-cities.org/yaas>)**

Student Responsibility Abroad: To be cooperative at every point of family living; to be helpful with the household and family duties; and to assume the same responsibility as the other members in the family. Each student is expected to participate in as many activities as possible and relate these learning experiences of living in a host country to others upon his/her return to Mesa.

Cost and Deposit: \$700 program fee and addition 50% of the travel ticket expense will be paid by the participants, the other 50% will be paid by Mesa Sister Cities Association and all delegates will be home hosted. Delegates are to provide their own spending money. All delegates home host their "brother/sister" for minimum of 3 weeks upon their return to Mesa. **If selected, a \$250 non-refundable deposit (part of total payment) is due**

January 31, 2018. Final balance is due 60 days prior to departure. Group activities and fundraisers are planned to reduce the cost of hosting.

Application Requirements: Open to **10th, and 11th** grade students. Each applicant must be a U.S. citizen, live in Mesa or be enrolled in a Mesa school, be in good health (and, upon request, be able to supply a doctor's statement of verification) and commit to live in Mesa or attend a school for his/her senior year of high school.

Applications: Applications are available online from **July 31, 2017 to October 5th, 2017** from our Internet web site; www.mesasistercities.org Completed applications must be received no later than **October 6th 2017**. **Mail to:** Mesa Sister Cities Association P.O. Box 5572 Mesa, AZ. 85211 Attn: Jerry Paulus/Mary Vardian

Responsibility of Parents of Youth Ambassadors: The Mesa Sister Cities Association and the Youth Ambassadors Selection Committee require the support of the parents. All families are required to become a member, at a cost of \$50.00 per year. All delegates' families are required to home host the international "brother/sister" for a minimum of 3 weeks in June-July. The parents are required to have their student available to participate in **all** activities and events upon their return home. Additionally, it is expected that the parents will participate in the organization's fundraising activities, which include but are not limited to the Annual Golf Tournament.

Selection Process: All applicants will participate in one individual interview, group and social interview conducted by the Youth Ambassador Exchange Selection Committee. **Absence from an interview or selection activity will result in being disqualified.** Applicants will also be required to attend an informal dinner party and a social function with their parents. Final selection will be made in **November**.

Special Notes: The Mesa Sister Cities Association Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to revoke the selection of any delegates prior to departure and also to determine the need for an early return to Mesa of any delegate at their parent's expense, due to any misconduct.

Passports: Obtaining a passport and any visas required is the responsibility of the delegate and his/her family. The passport must be received prior to **January 31, 2018**. It is recommended that delegates apply immediately following their selection.

Cancellation: Mesa Sister Cities is not responsible in the event that the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program must be postponed or cancelled. If a particular Sister City cannot accommodate our students, we will find an alternate city for them to be designated to. Mesa Sister Cities is not required to move and/or place Youth Ambassadors in an alternate city if they wish to change and/or cancel their participation due to political, religious, weather, health, or any other personal issue. The Youth Ambassador and/or the family will be responsible for all penalties, total flight costs and/or cancellation fees in the event that the Youth Ambassador withdraws and/or is dismissed from the program for breaking the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program contract and/or code of conduct.

For any additional questions please contact Jerry Paulus, Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program Chair @ 480-861-9573. Email – gpaulus@asu.edu and/or Mary Vardian @ 480-318-3558. Email – maryvardian@gmail.com



2018 Youth Ambassador Exchange Program Schedule

July 31, 2017 – October 5, 2017

Applications available online: www.mesasistercities.org

October 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Applications due: Mesa Sister Cities Association
P.O. Box 5572
Mesa, AZ 85211
Attn: Jerry Paulus/Mary Vardian

APPLICANT and/or PARENT ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED AT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

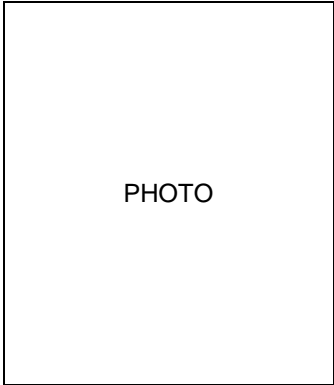
October 6, 2017	6:00 pm	Orientation for <u>applicants and parents</u> Place TBD
October 10, 2017	6:00pm	Group Interviews – Group interview @MSC member’s meeting Place TBD
October 24, 2017	6:00pm	Individual Interview – Place TBD
October 28, 2017	8:00am	Community Service Activity – Place TBD
November 10, 2017		Final Selection
December 1, 2017	6pm	Workshop with selected students – Place TBD
December 12, 2017	6:00pm	Holiday Party <u>students and parents</u> location TBD_
January 13, 2018	9:00am	Meeting with students and parents, location TBD
January 15, 2018	10am	MLK Parade – Downtown Mesa
January 31, 2018	Reminder	down Payment due and last day to receive passports
February 3, 2018	9am	Community Service – Place TBD
March 16, 2018		Balance due
April , 2018	AM	Annual Golf Tournament – Place TBD
May 3, 2018	6pm	Meeting with students and parents

Dates are subject to change, depending on the availability of meeting facilities and Committee members' schedules.

Please refer any questions to Jerry Paulus, Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program Chair, at his (480-861-9573), Mary Vardian at (480) 318-3558. Applications are also available to download from the Mesa Sister Cities web site: www.mesasistercities.org



**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM
Mesa Sister Cities Association
2018 YOUTH AMBASSADOR
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



Must be received by 6:00 P. M. October 6, 2017.

Mail to: Mesa Sister Cities Association
P.O. Box 5572
Mesa, AZ. 85211
Attn: Jerry Paulus/Mary Vardian

Candidate must answer each question. Fill out the form using MS Word. Then print and sign it, and attach a recent color photograph. This form is available online at <http://www.mesasistercities.org/Media/forms/application-2018.doc>.

1. Name:
First Middle Last Nickname

2. Permanent Address: Mesa, AZ Zip:
Phone: Mobile: Home: Email:

3. Sex: Height: Birth Date: Age next June 1:

4. School: Current Year in School:

5. Foreign Languages Studied and how long for each?

6. Country of Birth: Country of Citizenship:

7. List school/church/community activities in which you participate:

Hobbies:

Work Experience:

8. What are your plans for the future (education and career)?

9. What summer vacation plans you may have?

10. Your Father's Full Name (First Middle Last)
Living Deceased Age: Country of Birth:
Phone: (Home) (Mobile) Email:
Occupation / Position: Work Address:
Work Phone:

11. Your Mother's Full Name (First Middle Last)
Living Deceased Age: Country of Birth:
Phone: (Home) (Mobile) Email:

Occupation / Position:
Work Phone:

Work Address:

12. Age of brothers: (i.e. 1, 4, 8) Age of sisters: (i.e. 1, 4, 8)

13. Have you traveled abroad? If so, where and how many dates of stay?

14. Do you have relatives or family friends living abroad? If so, who and where?

15. Which, if any, of your brothers and/or sisters have participated in a foreign exchange program?

16. Has your family ever hosted a foreign exchange student? If so, who, what country and dates of stay?

17. Have you or your family done volunteer work for the Mesa Sister Cities program? If so, briefly describe.

18. What is the state of your health? Are you taking ANY medications?

Do you have food/pet allergies? Explain:

Are you afraid to travel by airplane?

Do you experimented motion sickness?

19. **CAREFULLY READ** the following statement before signing.

I understand that if chosen, I must abide by all rules of responsible conduct expected of me while living with a host family. I further understand that I am expected to live or attend school in Mesa during my senior year in high school.

Signature of Applicant

My son/daughter has my permission to apply for and participate in the Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program with Burnaby-, Canada, Caraz-Perú, Guaymas-Mexico, Kaiping-China and Upper Hutt-New Zealand. I (we) have read and understand the attached sheet explaining the program and our responsibilities. As the applicant's parent and/or guardian, and in the event my son/daughter is selected for the student exchange program, I hereby agree to authorize the host family in the above mentioned cities to act for me in an emergency or accident or illness.

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian

20. Self Profile

In a typewritten personal statement of at least 500 words, but no more than two single spaced pages, please:

- a. Describe yourself, your interests and your family.
- b. Describe a day in your life during the summer.
- c. Describe a day during the school year.

21. TO BE ANSWERED BY A PARENT OR THE GUARDIAN

In a typewritten personal statement of at least 100 words, but no more than two single spaced pages, please describe your son/daughter.

22. TEACHER EVALUATION

Give the attached Teacher Evaluation form and a stamped, addressed envelope to a present or former high school teacher. (The envelope should be addressed to the address shown below on the checklist).

23. CHECK LIST

- a. A check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 payable to Mesa Sister Cities Association. This fee is for a one year Family membership in Mesa Sister Cities (not required if 2018 membership has been paid).
- b. A color photo, sharp and suitable for reproduction, that is no larger than 2 ½" by 2 ½" in size and a color copy of your passport. (if you have one)
- c. Parent's statement
- d. Student's statement
- e. Parent's signature on application
- f. Student's signature on application
- g. Mail the application and attachments, allowing four (4) days for mailing, to

Mail to: Mesa Sister Cities Association
P.O. Box 5572
Mesa, Az. 85211
Attn: Jerry Paulus/Mary Vardian

**Note: Please do not staple the pages of the application together
or place them in a report cover**

TEACHER EVALUATION FORM
Mesa Sister Cities Association
Youth Ambassador Exchange Program 2018



The Mesa Sister Cities Association was established in 1981 and is currently seeking high school sophomore and juniors to represent Mesa in one of our five sister cities. The students live with a host family for minimum of three weeks and then host a student in their home in Mesa for minimum of three weeks, making it essential that the students selected be capable of adapting to many cultural differences. The students who apply are all qualified, making the final selection very difficult. We value your comments, and as you complete this form, be assured that the information given will be confidential and available only to the Selection Committee members.

STUDENT: Fill in your name and the name of the teacher that you have chosen to give you a recommendation. The form is to be given to the teacher with a stamped, addressed envelope with a reminder that the evaluation is due by 6:00 p.m. October 6, 2018.

TEACHER: (Please allow four (4) days for mailing)

Mail to: Mesa Sister Cities Association
P.O. Box 5572
Mesa, AZ. 85211
Attn: Jerry Paulus/Mary Vardian

This form is available online at <http://www.mesasistercities.org/Media/forms/teacher-eval.doc>. Download and complete this form using MS Word. Then print and sign it, and mail it. Note: Text fields will expand automatically as you type. Feel free to use all the space that you need.

Student Name:

Teacher Name:

How long have you known this student and in what context?

What are the first words that come to your mind that would describe this student?

List the courses that you have taught this student; rate the difficulty (accelerated, honors, elective, etc.)

Please mark the appropriate box with an "X":

RATING	No Basis	Below Average	Average	Very Good	Excellent	One of Best Ever
Maturity						
Motivation						
Communication Skills						
Flexible Attitude						
Sense of Humor						
Self Confidence						
Leadership Abilities						
Consideration of Others						
Independence						
Reliability						

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS (answer only if you feel qualified to do so):

1. How do you think this student would adjust to living with a foreign student for the summer?

2. From your observations, how do other teachers and students perceive this student socially?

3. Are there any specific reasons we should select this student over any other student?

4. Are there any specific reasons we should not select this student?

5. Other remarks:

Special request:

If there should be additional, pertinent information (positive or negative) that you would like to convey to the Selection Committee, please call Jerry Paulus, Youth Ambassador Chair Program at 480-861-9573 or Mary Vardian at 480-318-3558.

Signature

School and Department

Date



Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Host Family Application / Affidavit

Host Father

Personal Information / Host Father					
Full Name: (Last) (First) (Middle)					Date
Address:					
City:				State	Zip
Social Security No :					Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> / F <input type="checkbox"/>
Home # ()		Business # ()		Fax # () Cell # ()	
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)	Email address			Drivers License (only upon request):	
Foreign Language	Country of birth:			State DL issued	
Are you a Mesa Sister Cities Member?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how long?		
Organizations / clubs? (Rotary, Lions, etc.)	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list all past & current		
Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s)?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, describe in full. Include date(s) of crime(s) and in which country and state each took place. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)		
Have you ever been subject to any court order involving any sexual, physical or verbal abuse including but not limited to any domestic violence or civil harassment injunction or protective order	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Personal References					
<i>Please list three personal references (not relatives)</i>					
Full Name:		Relationship:			
Address, City State, Zip		Phone: ()			
Full Name:		Relationship:			
Address, City State, Zip		Phone: ()			
Full Name:		Relationship:			
Address, City State, Zip		Phone: ()			
Employment History (5 years – please attach additional sheets, if necessary)					
Current:		Phone: ()			
Address, City State, Zip		Supervisor:			
Previous:		Phone: ()			
Address, City State, Zip		Supervisor:			
Please tell us your main reason for wishing to participate in the Mesa Sister Cities Youth Exchange Program. (Please attach additional sheet if necessary)					



Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Host Family Application / Affidavit

Host Mother / Partner

Personal Information									
Full Name: (Last)			(First)			(Middle)			Date
Address:									
City:						State		Zip	
Social Security No :							Gender M <input type="checkbox"/> / F <input type="checkbox"/>		
Home # ()			Business # ()			Fax # ()		Cell # ()	
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd)		Email address				Drivers License (only upon request):			
Foreign Language		Country of birth:				State DL issued			
Are you a Mesa Sister Cities Member?				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how long?			
Organizations / clubs?(Rotary, Lions)				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list all past & current			
Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s)?				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, describe in full. Include date(s) of crime(s) and in which country and state each took place. (Attach separate sheet if necessary)			
Have you ever been subject to any court order involving any sexual, physical or verbal abuse including but not limited to any domestic violence or civil harassment injunction or protective order				YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
Personal References									
<i>Please list three personal references (not relatives)</i>									
Full Name:			Relationship:						
Address, City State, Zip								Phone: ()	
Full Name:			Relationship:						
Address, City State, Zip								Phone: ()	
Full Name:			Relationship:						
Address, City State, Zip								Phone: ()	
Employment History (5 years – please attach additional sheets, if necessary)									
Current:								Phone: ()	
Address, City State, Zip			Supervisor:						
Previous:								Phone: ()	
Address, City State, Zip			Supervisor:						
Please tell us your main reason for wishing to participate in the Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program. (Please attach additional sheet if necessary)									



Mesa Sister Cities Host Family Application / Affidavit Household

Volunteer History with Youth - Host Father (please attach additional sheets, if necessary)						
Organization Name			Director's Name			
Address			City	State	Zip	
Telephone		Position		Dates Held		
Volunteer History with Youth - Host Mother - Partner (please attach additional sheets, if necessary)						
Organization Name			Director's Name			
Address			City	State	Zip	
Telephone		Position		Dates Held		
Previous Organization Name			Director's Name			
Address			City	State	Zip	
Telephone		Position		Dates Held		
Prior Residence: (If less than five years at current residence)						
Prior Address:				How Long at this address?		
City		State:		Zip / Postal Code:		
Have you been a Host Family in the past?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, where and when:			
Do you have pets inside your home?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list all types:			
Have any Family members traveled abroad? If so, tell us whom and where they traveled.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Name and Address of School student will attend:						
Family Hobbies / Special Interest:						
List children and others living in home full or part-time (please attach additional sheets, if necessary)						
Name	Gender	Age		Name	Gender	Age
Please tell us your preferences:						
Tell us which city would you like to visit: 1 st Choice:		2 nd Choice:		Host Exchange Student (minimum of 3 weeks)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
						NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Would you Prefer	Boy <input type="checkbox"/>	Girl <input type="checkbox"/>	Either <input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have any driving restriction?		
				Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Exchange time Summer <input type="checkbox"/>
Will the student share a bedroom?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, with whom?		



Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Affidavit

HOST FATHER / MOTHER - PARTNER

Mesa Sister Cities is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Mesa Sister Cities Youth Exchange Program activities. It is the duty of all members, member's spouses, partners, Host Families and any other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

WAIVER / CONSENT/ RELEASE

I certify that all of the statements in this affidavit, and in any attachments hereto, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have not withheld any information that would affect this affidavit unfavorably, if disclosed. I understand that any omission of facts or misrepresentation will result in my elimination from consideration for any volunteer position with the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Exchange program or its affiliates. I further certify that I understand that **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Exchange program's intent is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person.

I hereby authorize **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Exchange to request and receive any and all background information about/concerning me, including but not limited to my Criminal History, Social Security Number Trace including a consumer report under the **Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C 1681**, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers. The Fair Credit Reporting Act states that any access to credit history must be disclosed to the applicant. **The background check program verifies the Name, SS# (upon request) and DOB** with the Credit Bureau Equifax, therefore the Fair Credit Reporting Act rules apply. **This search will NOT access or disclose ANY financial history or personal information not applicable to the criminal history report.** I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position with the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer with **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange, the criminal history records check may be repeated as deemed necessary. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history report and that there is a procedure available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received.

I waive any right to assert that such an investigation or request constitutes an invasion of my privacy. I recognize that such inquiries are in the interest of all persons involved in the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program, and I fully consent to such investigations.

IN CONSIDERATION of my acceptance and participation in the Youth Ambassador Exchange program, I, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify, all members, officers, directors, committee members and employees of the participating Mesa Sister Cities Association, from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury or death, including any such liability which may arise out of the negligence of any of the Indemnities, which may be suffered or claimed by me as a result of an investigation of my background in connection with this affidavit or participation in the Youth Exchange program.

I further agree to conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange program and its affiliates, and understand that my service can be modified or terminated, with or without notice or cause, at any time, at the option of either the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program or its affiliates, or at my option. I understand and agree that the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program or its affiliates may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application for volunteer services with or without cause.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AFFIDAVIT, WAIVER, CONSENT AND RELEASE, AND THAT I SIGN THIS FORM VOLUNTARILY.

Signature of Applicant (Host Father)	Print (Host Father's name)	Date
Signature of Applicant (Host Mother-Partner)	Print (Host Mother-Partner name)	Date
In-home Interview conducted by:	Date:	Host Father Initial
		Host Mother Initial
Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Action taken	Accepted Host 1 / 2 / 3	NO <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
Notice sent to applicant	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Date:



Mesa Sister Cities Youth Exchange Host Family Application / Affidavit

ADDENDUM(S) 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Personal Information / Host Family Member – Completed for each additional adult (18 years or older) living full or part-time in the home of the applicant (s)

Full Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____			Date _____	
Address: _____				
City: _____			State _____	Zip _____
Social Security No: _____			Gender: M <input type="checkbox"/> / F <input type="checkbox"/>	
Home # () _____		Business # () _____		Fax # () _____ Cell # () _____
Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____	Email address _____		Drivers License (only upon request): _____	
Foreign Language _____	Country of birth: _____		State DL issued _____	
Are you a Mesa Sister Cities Member?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, How long? _____
Organizations / clubs? (Rotary, Lions, etc.)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list all past & current _____
Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty to any crime(s)?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, describe in full. Include date(s) of crime(s) and in which country and state each took place. (Attach separate sheet if necessary) _____ _____ _____ _____
Have you ever been subject to any court order involving any sexual, physical or verbal abuse including but not limited to any domestic violence or civil harassment injunction or protective order		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	

Personal References

*Please list **three** personal references (not relatives)*

Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Address, City State, Zip _____	Phone: () _____
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Address, City State, Zip _____	Phone: () _____
Full Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Address, City State, Zip _____	Phone: () _____

Employment History (5 years – please attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Current:	Phone: () _____
Address, City State, Zip _____	Supervisor: _____
Previous:	Phone: () _____
Address, City State, Zip _____	Supervisor: _____



Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Affidavit

HOST FAMILY MEMBER 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

Mesa Sister Cities is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all members, members' spouses, partners, Host Families and any other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

WAIVER / CONSENT/ RELEASE

I certify that all of the statements in this affidavit, and in any attachments hereto, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I have not withheld any information that would affect this affidavit unfavorably, if disclosed. I understand that any omission of facts or misrepresentation will result in my elimination from consideration for any volunteer position with the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program or its affiliates. I further certify that I understand that **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program's intent is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person.

I hereby authorize **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange, to request and receive any and all background information about/concerning me, including but not limited to my Criminal History, Social Security Number Trace including a consumer report under the **Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C 1681**, Driving Record, Employment History, Military Background, Civil Listings, Educational Background, Professional License from any Individual, Corporation, Partnership, Law Enforcement Agency, and other entities including my Present and Past Employers. The Fair Credit Reporting Act states that any access to credit history must be disclosed to the applicant. **The background check program verifies the Name, SS# (upon request) and DOB** with the Credit Bureau Equifax, therefore the Fair Credit Reporting Act rules apply. **This search will NOT access or disclose ANY financial history or personal information not applicable to the criminal history report.** I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position with the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer with **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange, the criminal history records check may be repeated as deemed necessary. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history report and that there is a procedure available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received.

I waive any right to assert that such an investigation or request constitutes an invasion of my privacy. I recognize that such inquiries are in the interest of all persons involved in the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program, and I fully consent to such investigations.

IN CONSIDERATION of my acceptance and participation in the Youth Ambassador Exchange program, I, to the full extent permitted by law, hereby release and agree to save, hold harmless and indemnify, all members, officers, directors, committee members and members of Mesa Sister Cities Youth Exchange Program from any or all liability for any loss, property damage, personal injury or death, including any such liability which may arise out of the negligence of any of the Indemnities, which may be suffered or claimed by me as a result of an investigation of my background in connection with this affidavit or participation in the Youth Ambassador Exchange program.

I further agree to conform to the rules, regulations, and policies of Mesa Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange program and its affiliates, and understand that my service can be modified or terminated, with or without notice or cause, at any time, at the option of either the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program or its affiliates, or at my option. I understand and agree that the **Mesa Sister Cities** Youth Ambassador Exchange program or its affiliates may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application for volunteer services with or without cause.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AFFIDAVIT,
WAIVER, CONSENT AND RELEASE, AND THAT I SIGN THIS FORM VOLUNTARILY.**

Signature of Applicant
(Host Family Member-18 years or older)

Print Name of Applicant
(Host Family Member-18 years or older)

Date