**Sharon High School- Gaoxin/Tangnan School**

# Student Exchange Application

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Year of Graduation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number Street City Zip

Evening Tel. # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student’s email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Information:

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(Parent’s name) (Address if different from above)

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(preferred phone number for me to contact them at day and evening) (email address)

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Student Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Do you have a current passport? Yes / No Exp date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List some of your interests and activities:

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Describe any allergies, dietary restrictions, or medical conditions that would influence your travel and living arrangements in China:

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**Parent/Guardian Statement. Parents, please write a statement describing your child’s motivation for wanting to participate in this program and attach it to this application.**

**Applicant questions. Please answer each of the following questions in one or more typed paragraphs on another sheet of paper and attach it to this application.**

1. What are your reasons for wanting to participate in this exchange program?

2. As a student participant, what special qualities or talents can you offer this program and the group of fellow students with whom you will be spending several weeks in China?

3. What do you think would be particularly challenging about an extended stay in China? What are some of your skills or personality traits that would prepare you to meet those challenges?

4. How well do you currently speak/understand Chinese? What are some of the strategies you will use to communicate with your host family, new friends, and to integrate into Chinese culture to the best of your ability?

5. What advice would you give to a friend who was embarking upon an exchange program to a foreign country?

**References. Please list the names of two teachers and one other person who will evaluate your qualifications for this program and who have been given the attached recommendation forms to complete.**

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**Costs. We estimate that the student/family share of the expenses of this program will be approximately $4,000 for airfare, program expenses, and some travel within China.**

Signature of student applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline. Please return completed application forms by June 8, 2013 to :

Ms. Cathy Collins

Chinese Exchange Program

Sharon High School

181 Pond St.

Sharon, MA 02067Student Recommendation Form Sharon Chinese Exchange Program

**To the applicant:**

Please fill in your name and give this form to your reference with an sealed envelope addressed to Ms. Collins (stamped if necessary) and with the reference’s name signed across the seal of the envelope.

This applicant has applied for an exchange program in China.

**To the Reference:**

This applicant will be involved an extended stay as a member of a Chinese family. To succeed, the applicant must have a high degree of motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We cannot overemphasize, therefore, the value of your candid appraisal in helping us determine whether the applicant is ready for this kind of program. Please indicate, by checking the appropriate space, your best estimate of the applicant’s characteristics in comparison to other students of his/her age. If necessary, please make comments on the reverse side of this form.

Excellent Good Average Poor Unknown

1. Consideration for and interest in

others and their views

1. Common sense and good judgment
2. Emotional stability
3. Ability to take directions cheerfully
4. Initiative
5. Sense of responsibility
6. Ability to adjust to and cope with new

situations (resilience/flexibility.)

1. Intellectual curiosity and imagination
2. Ability to express him/herself
3. Participation in community and

extra-curricular activities

1. Capacity to follow through on

commitments

1. Sense of humor
2. Classroom behavior

In what capacity have you known the applicant? For how long?

Would you enjoy having the applicant:

(a) As a guest in your home for two months? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(b) As a member of a group for whom you were responsible? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please summarize your view of this student’s capacity to contribute to and benefit from this experience:**

Name Signature

Address Position

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone

**PLEASE RETURN TO Ms. Cathy Collins, SHARON HIGH SCHOOL**