

## Gilbert Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Application Summer 2018

Antrim-Newtonabbey, Northern Ireland and Leshan, China

**Eligibility:** Juniors in high school who reside in Gilbert or are a student in a Gilbert or Higley school

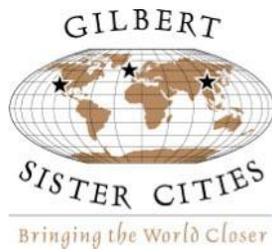
**Cost:** The cost of the trip is free, although there is a \$25 application fee and costs associated with hosting a student from another country. If selected, your family must join the membership of Gilbert Sister Cities (\$25 membership fee) and support Gilbert Sister Cities' activities.

Applications are due December 4, 2017. Please complete the attached application and email it, as well as a current photo of yourself, to either Christopher Stroud at [christopher.stroud@gilbertschools.net](mailto:christopher.stroud@gilbertschools.net) or Melinda Murphy at [melinda.murphy@gilbertschools.net](mailto:melinda.murphy@gilbertschools.net). Please contact Mr. Stroud or Mrs. Murphy with any questions.

**Timeline:** The interview/application process takes place in January and February. The Ambassador applicant information meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2018, in the Gilbert High School Career Center. If selected, your family would first host a student from one of our sister cities for 3 weeks, beginning the last week of June 2018. In July, the students fly to the sister city and stay for 2-3 weeks. Students return in August before school starts (or a couple days later).

**Application Check-off list (incomplete applications will not be accepted):**

1. Completed application
2. Signed responsibility agreement (included in application)
3. Applicant essay. Space for the essay is included in the application and should be no more than two pages long describing yourself, your interests, family and an average day in your life. Explain why you should be chosen as a delegate to represent Gilbert in our Sister Cities exchange.
4. Parent statement. Space for the parent statement is included in the application and should be no more than one page, written by a parent, recommending the applicant and explaining how your family would be ideal for this exchange.
5. Teacher Evaluation. Send your teacher this link: <http://bit.ly/2ytdjP6>
6. Please upload and attach a current photo of yourself with your application.
7. Upon receipt of your completed application, you will be provided with a link to make a \$25 donation to Gilbert Sister Cities.



## **Gilbert Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Application**

Name:

Address:

Home telephone:

Cell phone:

Email address:

Sex:    M        F

Birthdate:

Age:

School:

Grade Point Average:

Country of Birth:

Country of Citizenship:

List school and community activities in which you participate:

Hobbies and interests:

Work Experience:

Education and career plans for the future:

Have you traveled abroad? If yes, where and dates of travel.

Have any family members participated in an exchange program?

What is the state of your health?

Are you taking daily medications? If yes, explain.

Are you willing to submit to a drug test? If no, explain.

Father's Full Name:

Living or deceased:

Age:

Country of Birth:

Father's Home Address:

Father's Occupation:

Father's cell number:

Email Address:

Mother's Full Name:

Living or deceased:

Age:

Country of Birth:

Mother's Home Address:

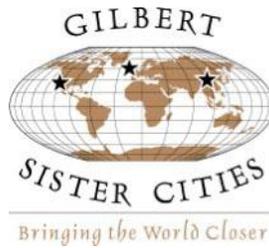
Mother's Occupation:

Mother's cell number:

Email Address:

Age of Brothers:

Age of Sisters:



## Gilbert Sister Cities Responsibility Agreement

Carefully read the following before signing.

1. If selected, I will do my best to represent Gilbert Sister Cities well. I will promote the exchange program and volunteer my time to support Gilbert Sister Cities. My parents will participate and become members of Gilbert Sister Cities.
2. If selected, I will host a delegate from Northern Ireland or China and treat them as a member of my family.
3. The drinking of alcohol is not allowed during the exchange. Drugs, other than prescribed medication by a doctor, are forbidden.
4. In the event of illness, act as your host family advises. If emergency treatment is required or you become seriously ill, your host family will advise either the local coordinator and/or your parents.
5. Ambassadors are not permitted to drive any motorized vehicle while visiting abroad.
6. While staying with your host family, you will be expected to participate in family life, which may include performing routine household tasks or chores. Be alert to the fact that your host family will have "family rules" by which you are expected to abide. Your host family may have a different approach to certain situations than does your own family.
7. During the exchange, you may travel with your host family or participate in other organized trips (by our host sister cities committee). You may not travel alone to distant points unless you have the prior written permission of your own parents and your host family. The local sister cities coordinator must be aware of the travel also. Trips should be planned well in advance with family and the local sister cities coordinator. Hitchhiking is not allowed.

I understand that if chosen, I must abide by all rules of responsible conduct expected of me while living with a host family. I understand that my failure to do so will result in my being sent home at my parents' expense. I further understand that I am expected to live in Gilbert or attend a Gilbert or Higley high school.

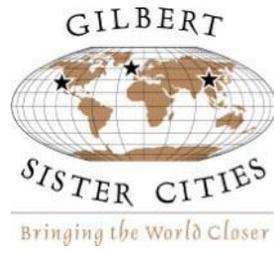
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Date:

My son/daughter has my permission to apply for and participate in the Gilbert Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program. I have read and understand the responsibilities listed above. As the applicant's parent and/or guardian, and in the event my son/daughter is selected for the Youth Ambassador program, I hereby agree to authorize the host family in the above-mentioned cities to act for me in an emergency, accident or illness. I understand that my child's failure to abide by all rules of responsible conduct will result in him/her being sent home. I understand that in such an event we are responsible for any additional expense incurred. I further understand that if my child is selected, it is mandatory that my family joins the Gilbert Sister Cities membership and participates in related events throughout the year.

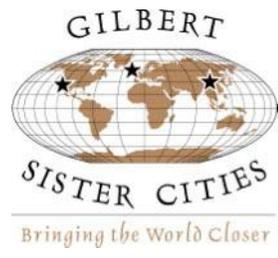
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Applicant essay:





Parent statement: