Sister Cities Youth Exchange Programme 2027

Participant Responsibility Agreement

1) I reside in the borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey.
2) Whilst involved in this programme, I will do my best to act as an ambassador for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. I will promote the Youth Exchange programme and positively contribute to the programme.
3) If selected for the exchange, I will host a youth ambassador from Gilbert and welcome them to my home for the period of the programme.
4) I will not partake in drinking alcohol, taking drugs or any other illegal or irresponsible behaviour.
5) Any medication in my possession must have been prescribed to me by a doctor.
6) In the event of illness whilst on the exchange, I will advise my host family and allow them to act accordingly by seeking medical advice, if required.
7) In the event of having a UK driving licence, I will not drive whilst abroad on the exchange.
8) Whilst participating in the exchange, I will positively contribute to life with my host family, which I understand may involve household chores. I will abide by any house or family rules. I am aware that my host family may have different rules to my own family.

9) I understand that I may take part in organised travel as part of this exchange. However, for any travel which involves leaving Northern Ireland, this should be accompanied by an adult and have the express permission of the host family.

10) Responsible conduct is expected at all times. This includes all interactions with fellow participants and their friends/families, both in person and online/social media. I understand that any failure to act responsibly whilst living with my host family will result in being sent home at the expense of my parents/guardian.

11) I have, or shall apply for, a full passport and my family is responsible for associated costs. My passport must be valid for the length of the planned stay in USA. I will also need to obtain the appropriate visa to allow me to travel on the exchange, if selected. This can be obtained here Official ESTA Application Website. I will ensure I have these documents in place as soon as possible and will show these to the Youth Exchange Programme staff when requested to do so.

12) I grant permission for my photographs, videos and any other content taken as part of this programme to be released on social media, online, used in promotional materials, publications, presentations, press releases and other associated communications.

13) I will act responsibly in my use of social media in relation to the programme, and only post appropriate content that would not be deemed offensive or crude and will adhere to the programme's Social Media Guidance.

14) Whilst hosting a youth ambassador, I commit to us both actively participating in the programme and in any pre-arranged events by the Council Youth Exchange Programme staff.

I have read and understood this document and sign below to state that I agree to abide by the conditions outlined.

Signed (applicant): .....

Print: .....

Date: .....

Signed (parent/guardian 1): .....

Print: .....

Date: .....

Signed (parent/guardian 2): .....

Print: .....

Date: .....