



Student Letter to Host Family

Your letter to your Host Family is one of the most important parts of your application. It is an opportunity to reveal your true personality. Your Host Family will want to know about your habits and routines, your likes and dislikes, your family and friends, your interests and hobbies, your community and school. Please include any additional information that you think will help your Host Family get to know you better. (Please type your letter with a 250-word minimum.)



STATEMENTS OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the only inspired and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (1 John 5:4-6).

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory (1 Cor. 15:3, 1 Peter 2:21-24, John 3:16, 1 Thess. 4:18, Rev. 21:20).

We believe in the reality of Satan and that his present control over unregenerate man does exist (2 Cor. 4:4).

We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16-19 & 5:24, Romans 3:23 & 5:8-10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5).

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life with evidence of spiritual power in public testimony and service (Romans 8:13-14, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Acts 1:8).

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation (John 5:24, 28-29).

We believe healing is provided for in the atonement and that it is a privilege for all believers (Isaiah 53:4, Matt. 8:16, John 5:14, 1 Peter 2:24).

We believe in the sanctity of life both born and unborn (Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:13-15).

We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 1:27-29 & 2:22-24).

We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

Student Signature

Date



STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

I, as the parent, accept the challenge to “train up a child in the way he should go,” understanding that it is my responsibility to carry on this training at home, realizing that this Christian Academy will assist me in this training. I understand that the school retains the right to refuse admission to or to remove from enrollment any student whose custodial parent is in a same sex relationship. (Gen 1:27-29; 2:22)

It is understood that my child’s attendance at the Christian Academy of Western New York is a privilege and not a right; and that if at any time, his/her conduct, academic progress or cooperation with the school’s authority is not in keeping with the school’s requirements, the school reserves the right to terminate, at its discretion, my child’s enrollment.

I agree to pay tuition according to the arrangements that shall be made and to conclude all required payment on or before the last day of school. I understand that if tuition has not been paid in full, reports cards and/or diploma will be withheld until the tuition is paid in full.

I agree to fully cooperate with the school and the standards it sets for itself to have my child adhere to the rules of conduct.

I understand that assessment will be made to cover damage to or loss of school property, i.e., textbooks, vandalism, etc.

I give permission for my child to take part in all school activities, including sports programs and school sponsored trips away from the school premises. I absolve the school from any liability in the event my child is injured at school or during any such school activity.

I grant permission for a photograph or image to be published in annual yearbooks, graduation programs, playbills, school productions, websites, etc. and/or similar school sponsored publications or in-school approved news media interviews, releases, articles and photographs. I acknowledge that since my participation in any publication and website produced by CAWNY confers upon me no rights of ownership whatsoever. I release CAWNY, its contractors and its employees from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation. I understand that my consent is valid for the duration of enrollment at CAWNY.

I agree with the school’s efforts to train my child in the Bible and will encourage my child in this and in all other aspects of the curriculum.

If my child voluntarily withdraws or is requested to withdraw by the school, it is understood that no refund of registration fee or tuition will be made.

I have read and/or completed all three pages of this application.

Father (or Guardian) Signature

Date

Mother (or Guardian) Signature

Date

The Christian Academy of Western New York gladly admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All students are given all rights, privileges, exposure to all programs and activities generally accorded and made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and assistance programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PARENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

(to be read, signed and dated by the student and both parents and Host Family)

The purpose of the Christian Academy of Western New York Exchange Program is to provide opportunities for people of diverse cultures to come together to learn about different points of view and ways of life as well as Christian ways of education. Cross-cultural understanding is, we believe, a fundamental step in promoting better friendship and world peace. We expect the highest standards of behavior from program participants at all times and, in turn, assume responsibility for the welfare and safety of the student through the program. The following Standards of Conduct have been established for that purpose. Violation of these rules will lead to disciplinary action and possible termination from the CAWNY Exchange Program. Violations of American laws or serious misbehavior in school, Host Family's home or community will result in an early return to the home country at the expense of the parents and with no refund of program fees.

American Laws

If a student is arrested, or if it is reliably confirmed that the student has acted illegally, program sponsorship will be revoked, resulting in an early ending of the program with no refund of program fees.

1. Drinking of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, is not permitted while on the program and is illegal for all persons under 21 years of age.
2. The student must not smoke while in the United States. Persons under 18 years of age are not allowed to purchase cigarettes in most American states.
3. The student must not buy, sell, possess or use illegal drugs of any kind or use any controlled drugs, unless prescribed for him/her by a physician or other health professional. If the student is taking prescription drugs, the name, dosage and duration of use for each drug must be listed on the Medical Information and Inoculation Form. The student must not associate with any persons involved in illegal drug taking or drug trafficking.
4. Students must not commit or take part in any illegal act of violence against another person or property.
5. Shoplifting and theft are illegal and may lead to criminal charges.
6. Students are not permitted to operate any motorized vehicle.
7. It is illegal for the student to take regular employment while in the United States. The only exceptions are occasional odd jobs, such as yard work or babysitting. Any such jobs must not interfere with school work.

Biological Family Visits and Student Travel While on Program

1. Visits by members of the student's biological family or by friends from his/her home country can be disruptive to the adjustment of the student and an inconvenience to the Host Family. Therefore, visits during the first six months of the program are not permitted. All visits are discouraged until the very end of the first year. Any visit during the program must have the prior permission of the school and the Host Family.
2. The student is not permitted to travel outside the local area by him/herself or with peers.
3. The student is not permitted to hitchhike, whether alone or with companions.
4. Overnight travel with the Host Family, another family, a responsible adult (at least 25 years of age), approved groups (e.g., church, school, etc.) is permitted if prior consent is given by the Host Family. The Host Family must be informed of all such trips and have a phone contact to reach the student in an emergency.
5. If a student travels outside the United States, he/she must always carry a passport. Before departing, the student must check with the Local Representative regarding re-entry procedures.

Initials

Student Name

Internet Use

Use of the internet in the home must be supervised by the Host Family. Student is responsible to cover any damages they cause to the Host Family's computer.

Operating a Motorized Vehicle

Because of the danger and liability involved in driving a motorized vehicle, the student may not drive any car, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle.

Student Church Attendance

The student is required to attend church with their Host Family.

Life-Changing Decisions and Miscellaneous Rules

Students will not be permitted to make life-changing decisions, including but not limited to marriage, or other decisions with legal, political, and/or social ramifications.

Agreement to Abide by the Program Standards of Conduct

We, the undersigned (student and parent/legal guardians), have read and understood all of the above stated in the CAWNY Exchange Program Standards of Conduct. I, the student agrees to obey the Standards of Conduct and all conditions of participation in the CAWNY Exchange Program. We, the parents, agree that our son/daughter will obey the Standards of Conduct. We understand that violation of these Standards of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action and possible termination from the Private School Program, which may result in an early return to the home country at the parent's expense and with no refund of program fees.

Medical/Travel Release/Authorization

We, the undersigned (parents/legal guardians), authorize our child to travel within the guidelines as established in the School Program and accept full responsibility for our child's participation in any approved travel activities and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Christian Academy of Western New York and their designated agents/representatives from any claims and/or liability to third parties arising from our child's participation. I give permission for the Host Parents to seek treatment for my child in case of illness or medical emergency. It is understood that this Medical/Travel Release/Authorization is signed in advance and eliminates the necessity of obtaining our signatures at the time of any Private School Program-approved medical/travel for the duration of our child's participation in the CAWNY Private School Program.

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

Student's Name

_____ Host Parent Name	_____ Telephone Number
_____ Address	
_____ Email	
_____ Host Parent's Signature	_____ Date

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New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Dates of Doses

Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus

(DPT) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Polio

(IPV or OPV) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2 Measles

1. _____ 2. _____

Mumps

1. _____ 2. _____

Rubella

1. _____

Hepatitis B

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Tdap (adult tetanus, after Grade 6)

1. _____

Varicella (chicken pox)

1. _____

Meningoccal

(first dose prior to Grade 7;

second dose after Grade 12)

1. _____ 2. _____

Verified by:

Doctor's Printed Name

Doctor's Signature

Date



Language Pledge

The Language Pledge is a formal commitment to speak the language of study as the only means of communication while at school and is required of all students. The Language Policy plays a major role in the success of the program, both as a symbol of commitment and as an essential part of the language learning process. Violation of the Language Pledge deprives both you and your fellow students of an important opportunity. The Language Pledge requires that you not speak other foreign languages at any time during the school day. This Pledge is a major key to the success of learning English. We are confident that you understand its importance and will adhere to it.

What is the Language Pledge? All students agree to abide by the Language Pledge, a formal commitment to speak the language of study as the only means of communication.

What does the Language Pledge say? The Language Pledge says: "In signing this Language Pledge, I agree to use English as my only language while in school." I understand that failure to comply with this Pledge will result in disciplinary consequences. You will be given a verbal warning for the first violation and a written warning for the second violation. Subsequent violations will be assigned a writing assignment, detention and in school suspension.

Why are students required to take the Pledge? The Pledge helps students focus their energies on the acquisition of language skills and to internalize the patterns of communication and cultural perspective associated with the target language. The Language Pledge plays a major role in the success of the program, both as a symbol of commitment and as an essential part of the language learning process. It ensures that the vocabulary and structures gained in class are "put in motion" right away so they are acquired, used, and not forgotten.

When is the Language Pledge waived? Students are not expected to speak in their language of study when they are asked by a teacher to provide a translation for another student and during lunch time at the lunch table.

When does the Pledge begin? The Pledge begins when you sign the Language Pledge here on campus, the important thing is that once you have signed it, the Pledge is in effect at all times (except when waived) when in the school building.

Language Pledge

I agree to use English as my only language while in school." I understand that failure to comply with this Pledge will result in disciplinary consequences named above.

Sign _____ Date _____



CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC SIGNALING DEVICE POLICY

Due to the distractions they create to the educational purpose of the school, cell phones, portable media players and other electronic data and communication devices are to be turned off during school hours, NOT just on silent mode. Portable media players must be stored in locked lockers.

Students are allowed to carry cell phones and other electronic signaling devices that operate via radio waves with the following stipulations:

1. The school will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged electronic signaling devices or portable media players.
2. The use of electronic signaling devices or portable media players is not permitted at any time during the school day, while on school grounds. The parking areas are considered part of school grounds.
3. Electronic signaling devices are to be on power off mode upon arriving on school grounds and remain that way until the end of the school day and after leaving school grounds.
4. **International students must have a separate translator. Cell phones are not allowed to be used as translators.**

Students relinquish any reasonable expectation of privacy when they use cell phones to call or send text messages at Christian Academy of Western New York. If a cell phone rings, buzzes, vibrates, flashes, etc., the CAWNY staff has the right to confiscate the phone and search the call log to determine who has been contacting the student.

If the call or message was initiated at Christian Academy of WNY, appropriate disciplinary action according to the discipline outlined below will be taken against everyone involved.

Phones ringing or buzzing in lockers will be considered in violation of school policy.

On some occasions, the student may ask to use his or her cell phone or electronic device *for school purposes*. If given permission by the teacher, the student may only use the device for which he or she was given permission. If the student violates the permission given and uses the device for other purposes, he or she will be subject to the discipline listed below.

Students will be permitted to possess and use cell phones, etc. during the school day in response to a health related emergency when a licensed physician has indicated in writing that the device is essential for the health of the student and the student has received prior permission from the school principal or designee to possess and use electronic devices in response to health related emergencies.

Other requests for the use of cell phones in special situations must be approved by the principal or his/her designee.

Consequences: The device will be confiscated and taken to the office and document the offense and take the phone to the safe. If it is the first offense, the device will be held for five school days or released to the student after a fine of \$10 is paid. If it is the second offense, the device will be held for ten school days or released to the student after a fine of \$20 is paid. After the third offense, the phone will be held until a meeting occurs with the principal, the teacher, the student, and his or her parents/guardians. If it is determined that the device has been used for cheating, harassment, or some other inappropriate behavior, the device will be returned to the parent at the end of the school year with the potential for additional discipline beyond the fine. This money will be used for general school improvement. Signature indicates student is aware of this policy.

Sign _____ Date _____



SPORTS

We form our sports teams with the Niagara Frontier Christian Athletic Association and IAC However, our participation is dependent upon the number of interested students.

Requirements:

- Approval by Physician to play
- Weekly practice (locally) (Coaches will contact you). One or two games/meets per week
- Providing your own transportation home from practices and games/meets
- Providing your own equipment and uniform charges (cleats/sneakers etc.)
- Parental approval and support
- Academically and medically eligible
- \$95. Registration fee for basketball, soccer, etc.

If interested, please make the sports you are interested in:

I am in grade 8-12 and I am definitely interested in participating in:

- _____ VOLLEYBALL- Fall (girls only)
- _____ BASKETBALL - Winter (boys only teams)
- _____ BADMINTON (coed teams)
- _____ CROSS COUNTRY (coed teams)
- _____ SOCCER (coed teams)

I commit to attending all practices and games/meets.

Sign _____ Date _____



HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

In a day of slovenly and careless dress, it is beneficial to our Christian testimony that CAWNY maintain certain standards of refinement. As stated in the Code of Conduct, CAWNY emphasizes the development of self-discipline and submission to authority as well as the assertion that attendance at CAWNY is a privilege and not a right. Students are expected to abide by the spirit of as well as the letter of the law. Secondary students who come with improper clothing receive a detention the first two times and an in-school suspension the third time. *Parents are asked to **please** inspect the dress of their child and do not permit them to leave home in any questionable clothing – either according to their own standards or ours.*

The Academy reserves the right to make all final judgments in the interpretation of the dress code.

Standard Dress

This code applies to **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, (Fridays)** and other designated days.

Pants

Boys will wear solid color, flat-front or pleated dress pants or shorts, khaki-style pants or denim conservative jeans. No frays, holes, fading or added items (such as sparkles, pictures, patches, etc.). Pants of any kind may not be excessively tight or excessively loose fitting. Pants must be worn at the waist line. Shorts may not be shorter than the knee. All shorts must have belt loops and worn with a belt. Shorts cannot be made of stretch material or be gym-like shorts. (All shorts worn in High School Gym must be purchased through the school.)

Girls will wear solid color, flat-front or pleated dress pants or shorts/capris, khaki-style pants or denim conservative jeans. No frays, holes, fading or added items (such as sparkles, pictures, patches, etc.). Pants of any kind may not be excessively tight or excessively loose fitting. Pants must be worn at the waist line. Shorts may not be shorter than the knee. All shorts must have belt loops and worn with a belt. Shorts cannot be made of stretch material or be gym-like shorts. (All shorts worn in High School Gym must be purchased through the school.) Girls may also wear conservative, solid-color knee length skirts. No dresses.

Shirts

Boys will wear any solid color polo shirts, golf shirts or conservative Oxford-style cloth shirts. Shirts with buttons should be buttoned to at least the second button from the top. At no time should undergarments or the midriff be exposed.

Girls will wear any solid color polo shirts, golf shirts or conservative Oxford-style cloth shirts (no frills, lace or puffy shirts). Shirts with buttons should be buttoned to at least the second button from the top. At no time should cleavage, the midriff or any undergarments (including camis) be exposed.

Shoes

The school does not prescribe a specific style of shoe. Shoes must be clean, odor-free and in good condition. Students are not allowed to wear sandals of any kind.

Shoes should be safe to wear on tile floors.

Solid color socks (or nylons - girls only) must be worn daily and must be seen above the shoe.

Coats/Jackets

A school-issued hoodie must be purchased from the office to wear on cold days. (No other sweaters or jackets.)

Casual Dress

This code applies to **Fridays** and other designated days.

Students must follow the standard dress code outlined above; with the exception that students may choose to wear a t-shirt with a Bible verse properly presented on it (Scripture Shirts). T-shirts with Christian logos are also allowed. T-shirts from Christian churches and/or colleges will also be allowed (as long as they do not communicate controversial messages). All t-shirts must be **pre-approved** by the Administration and will not be allowed if a Bible verse or God's Word is misrepresented or the shirt is inappropriate in any way.

Gym Days

Gym uniforms will consist of CAWNY logo t-shirts and shorts. Gray, solid colored sweat pants may be worn over shorts in cooler weather. Athletic-style shoes must be worn in gym class.

Senior Monday

Seniors may purchase class sweatpants and sweatshirts at the beginning of the year. They may be worn on Mondays throughout the school year.

Hair

Boys are expected to have their hair cut so the back length does not come over the collar. Sides may be no longer than the earlobe – boys must be clean shaven.

Students must keep their hair out of their eyes at all times in the classroom. Extremes in hair styles and colors, faddish, unnatural or multicolored hair coloring or cuts are not acceptable. Hair must be kept neat and clean at all times.

Other Guidelines

(not to be deemed a conclusive listing)

Clothing may not have holes by design or obvious tears or patches.

Ripped, frayed or cut-off clothing may not be worn.

Hats, caps, hoods or sunglasses may not be worn inside the school building.

Girls may not wear dresses or skirts with slits that come above the knee.

Students may not wear athletic, yoga, sweat, cargo or camouflage pants.

Students may not wear leggings or "jeggings," even if they have pockets.

Undershirts must be plain with nothing showing through the main shirt or blouse. (The undershirt cannot contain colors, writing or pictures of any kind.)

Once again, only CAWNY-issued hoodie are allowed to be worn in the school building. Other jackets, sweaters, gloves or other outdoor clothing should not be worn during school hours.

Students may not have tattoos, permanent or temporary.

Students may not wear sweatbands, dog collars and/or similar neck, wallet or wrist chains.

Students may not wear buttons or pins that are not school-related.

Girls may only have ear piercings. Boys may not have earrings or other body piercings.

Nail length should not interfere with school activity. Boys may not wear any polish.

Students may not wear fishnet or unconservative stockings.

Consequences for Violating the Dress Code are explained in the Parent/Student Handbook, available at www.CAWNY.com/Parents/Parent-Student-Handbook.cfm.

I have read and understand the Dress Code.

Father's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date