

Please complete this application if you are interested in hosting a student in the next academic year.

Note: An existing host, not yet background checked, wishing to request an additional student should also complete this application.

This form should be completed by the person in the household acting as the primary host.

Legal Name: _____ Date: _____

Nickname / Name go by: _____

Local Home Address (Street/City, not P.O. Box): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Age and gender of children in the home: _____

Have you ever hosted a Bowdoin student before? If yes, when? _____

Why do you want to volunteer for this program: _____

Please tell us about your interests, travel, indoor/outdoor activities, and participation in artistic and athletic endeavors:

Occupation(s) of household members (former or current): _____

Do you have pets? If so, what kind? _____

Please share any preferences you have about your potential student (cultural background, interests, language etc.) or anything else about yourself that would be helpful in pairing you with a student:

How enthusiastic would you be for a LGBTQ host match?

Check answer or indicate:

- ☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5 (extremely enthusiastic)

I attest that I am eighteen years of age or older: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total number of all individuals living in the home, as their primary residence: ____ family members ____ other

The primary host and family members or others, 18 or older, living in the home as their legal residence are **required to complete a**

background check*. In addition, if they hold a valid driver’s license, a motor vehicle record (MVR) check also be run*. Please provide the information requested below for these individuals. A student will not be assigned to the host family until all background checks have completed.

Legal Name	E-mail	Has a valid drivers license. (Circle or indicate yes/no below)	Is this individual newly residing in the household in the past year? (Circle or indicate yes/no)
		Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No
		Yes No	Yes No

BACKGROUND: The following information is asked of all individuals who volunteer to work with our students to help insure their safety.

Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty to, or entered a plea of no contest to any crime?

☐ No or ☐ Yes If yes, please explain:

Has a family member or others, 18 or older, living in the home, been convicted of, pled guilty to, or entered a plea of no contest to any crime?

☐ No or ☐ Yes If yes, please explain:

In connection with this application, I authorize Bowdoin College to perform a criminal record check on me and to conduct such additional background checks as the College believes to be necessary to ensure that it is appropriate for me to volunteer. I authorize persons and entities contacted by Bowdoin College in connection with this application to provide information about me. I expressly waive in connection with any request for or provision of such information, any claims, including without limitation, defamation, emotional distress, invasion of privacy, or interference with contractual relations, that I might otherwise have against Bowdoin College, its agents and officials or against any provider of such information.

I understand that as a volunteer I am responsible for reading and understanding the College policies indicated in my Volunteer Agreement or otherwise made known to me, and to actively participate in College training as relates to my volunteer role.

I certify that the information I have provided in this Application is true and correct and that by providing false or misleading information, I will not be allowed to volunteer at the College.

I further understand that if I am approved as a volunteer, and annually thereafter if I remain a volunteer, I will be required to complete a Volunteer Information Form and sign a Volunteer Agreement.

As this is a volunteer arrangement, I am not an employee of the College and I also understand that either the College or I may end our volunteer relationship at any time and for any reason.

☐ If completing electronically, please check here and initial below certifying that “I have read and agree with these statements. The information I have provided above is true and accurate.”

Please enter your initials to verify your identity*

Date

**If you prefer to complete this form by printing a hard copy and filling it out by hand then please sign your full name here.*

PLEASE RETURN TO:
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Bowdoin Community Host Program | Office of Student Activities
Bowdoin College | 6200 College Station | Brunswick, ME 04011

**The background/MVR check will arrive from Sterling, a company utilized by Bowdoin to conduct checks on all employees and volunteers at the college. Sterling utilizes a combination of online and offline security technologies, procedures, and organizational measures to help safeguard consumer information against loss, misuse, and unauthorized access, disclosure, alteration and destruction.*

The form itself only requests Name, Mailing Address, Email, SSN, Residence History and MVR info. Just to be clear, Bowdoin is only doing a criminal background check and MVR for those who drive and not checking credit (there isn’t a need to unfreeze credit reports or submit a CV).