



PARTNERS *of the* AMERICAS



Oregon/SW Washington-Costa Rica High School Exchange Program
4-week Hosting Program

(PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM WITH HOST FAMILY APPLICATION)

Date: _____

SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request for permission for a Costa Rican exchange student of the Partners of the Americas Oregon/SW Washington- Costa Rica High School Exchange Program to take part as an auditing student, shadowing their host student in classes for 4 weeks. This family has selected (please circle) the following session: 1. Dec. 8, 2018 – Jan. 5, 2019 OR 2. Jan. 6, 2019– Feb. 2, 2019.

_____/_____/_____
High School Name High School Address School District

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Host Brother/Sister Name Host Brother/Sister Address Telephone # of Host Family

Each winter, 25 Costa Rican high school students, who have been carefully and competitively selected to represent their communities and their country, come to Oregon/SW Washington to live with host families and **attend school with their host brothers/sisters. The student attends school, but does not enroll** for the purpose of transferring credits. Instead, the **student audits classes** and is expected to be a resource for schools by sharing information about Costa Rica and enhancing the Spanish language classes as a native speaker.

Costa Rican students on the Partners program travel with valid passports and visas, health insurance, and are accompanied by two English-speaking chaperones who remain in Oregon/SW Washington for the duration of the 8-week program. The Oregon/SW Washington Partners of the Americas High School Exchange Committee and the Costa Rican chaperones work together to ensure that families, schools and students have a mutually beneficial experience.

Students on the Partners program are expected to be exemplary representatives of Costa Rica. As such, students are closely monitored by their chaperones and the Oregon/SW Washington Partners High School Exchange Committee. Partners guarantees the financial support of all program participants during their stay in Oregon/SW Washington, as well as their return air fare at the completion of the program. Each student is prepared to comply with State of Oregon Health Department immunization requirements.

Who are we?

Partners of the Americas is the western hemisphere's largest, private **volunteer** organization engaged in economic and social development and technical training, while fostering inter-American friendship and cooperation.

Partners was founded in 1964 as the "people-to-people" component of the John F. Kennedy Administration's Alliance for Progress. Today, it is a private, **nonprofit organization**, enjoying the support of countless individuals, international corporations and foundations. Oregon/SW Washington and Costa Rica are partnered in this program, and the High School Exchange between Oregon/SW Washington and Costa Rica has operated successfully for over **50** years.

On behalf of this student, and the student's host family, we request your signature on this form to indicate your agreement to have the student in your school and to waive any tuition payments for said student. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to share the culture and history of Costa Rica with your high school students.

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| _____ / _____ | |
| Signature of School Official | Date |
| _____ / _____ | |
| Printed Name | Title |

Sincerely,

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*Note: If your school district office is required to approve exchange students, please have them acknowledge this permission slip.

District Official's Signature

Printed Name & Title



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