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**HOST TEEN APPLICATION  
ALLIANCE AREA ULSTER PROJECT**

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NICKNAME (name you go by) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (as on envelope) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE# (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE# (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardians' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Protestant  Catholic

Church/Parish \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

We need your T-Shirt size. Please circle one (adult sizes) S M L XL XXL

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**The information on this form will be used to match you with your Northern Irish teen. Therefore, if you complete the questions carefully and honestly, your chances of a suitable match will be improved.**



I have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) brothers, whose ages are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

I have \_\_\_\_\_ (number) sisters, whose ages are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR INTERESTS**

**MUSIC** What kinds do you like? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you sing? Y N

What instrument(s) do you play? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you dance? Y N

**SPORTS** What sports do you like? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you swim? Y N

What sports do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPUTERS** Are you interested in computers? Y N

Do you have access to a computer? Y N Where? \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD** What are your favorite foods? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your least favorite foods? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a vegetarian? Y N

Do you have pets? Y N How many \_\_\_\_\_ What kind \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any fear of animals? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Does anyone in your household smoke? \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your household ever been convicted of a felony? If so, please describe \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>Social Activities</u></b>	<b><u>Never</u></b>	<b><u>Seldom</u></b>	<b><u>Often</u></b>
I like to watch TV	___	___	___
I enjoy parties	___	___	___
I talk with 1 or 2 friends (rather than a group)	___	___	___
I like being with groups of people	___	___	___
Are you comfortable talking in front of a group?	___	___	___
I like to study	___	___	___
I like school	___	___	___
I go out on dates	___	___	___
I like to swim	___	___	___
I like to dance	___	___	___
I like to play music (instruments)	___	___	___
I like to listen to music	___	___	___
I like participating in sports	___	___	___
I like meeting new people	___	___	___
I like playing board games/cards	___	___	___
How often do you 'go out' in the evening during the week during the school year?	___	___	___
How often do you 'go out' in the evening during the week when it's summer vacation ?	___	___	___

What leadership training or experience have you had? (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church youth group, class or club officer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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What volunteer activities have you been involved with?

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Are service hours required at your school or church? If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**TELL US ABOUT YOU**

**What are your hopes and plans for the future?**

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**What are your favorite school subjects and why?**

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**Why are you interested in participating in the Ulster Project?**

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**What do you hope to gain from the experience?**

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**What do you believe you can offer as a Host Teen?**

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**How do you spend your free time?**

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**List your church/club activities**

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**How would you describe yourself?**

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**Personal References**

Please provide the information below in full for three adult individuals who are sufficiently familiar with you to provide a character reference. A Church Leader or Teacher should provide at least one reference. Teen applicants will not view comments submitted by references.

	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Reference</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Reference</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Reference</u>
<b><u>Name</u></b>			
<b><u>Relationship</u></b>			
<b><u>Address</u></b>			
<b><u>Phone</u></b>			



**TEEN HEALTH FORM**

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Understanding the specific needs of the Ulster Project participants helps us ensure your teen will have a more successful and safe summer. **All the following information will be kept strictly confidential and is not for dissemination. At no time during the application process will anyone be discriminated against due to the information given below.**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEIGHT** \_\_\_\_\_ **WEIGHT** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK IF YES, THEN EXPLAIN BELOW**

Asthma \_\_\_\_\_

Attention Deficit Disorder \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Loss \_\_\_\_\_

Eye/Vision Problems \_\_\_\_\_

Blood Disorders \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet/Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Anxiety Disorder \_\_\_\_\_

Heart Problems \_\_\_\_\_

Human Immunodeficiency \_\_\_\_\_

Orthodontics \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_

Seizures \_\_\_\_\_

Daily Medication \_\_\_\_\_

Bone/Joint Problems \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis A, B or C \_\_\_\_\_

Tuberculosis \_\_\_\_\_

Nose/Throat Disorders (Chronic Strep) \_\_\_\_\_

Scoliosis \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any health history checked yes, or explain any other health considerations not listed:

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**THE ALLIANCE AREA ULSTER PROJECT  
CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM**

We, the undersigned Parents/Guardians of \_\_\_\_\_

Do hereby consent to His/Her participation in this program and authorize Him/Her to travel under the direction and control of the Ulster Project, according to the program requirements set up by the organization.

We hereby authorize the Alliance Area Ulster Project, its committee members and/or its host parents:

1. To represent us before any medical institution where it may be necessary to send our Son/Daughter for medical care while He/She is under the authority and supervision of the Ulster Project.
2. To authorize on our behalf any medical care that our child might need or might appear to need, including but not limited to surgery, blood transfusions, dental work and administration of medicine and anesthetics; such authorization is given with the understanding that we, the undersigned, incur and adopt all liability for expenditure relating to the foregoing medical care and hereby release the Ulster Project from such liability and expenditures.
3. To represent us before any governmental agency or authority while He/She is under its custody.

In consideration of the foregoing, we, the undersigned, on behalf of ourselves and of our child, hereby release the Ulster Project, its successors and/or assigns, and its host families to the full extent permitted by law from any and all liability, demands, claims, damages, actions, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees and medical expenses for which the Ulster Project or its representative(s) may become liable or answerable by reason of our child's participation in the Ulster Project. Further, we agree on our behalf, and on behalf of our child, not to bring or enforce for damages or expenses against the Ulster Project which may arise by reason of our child's participation in the Ulster Project and activities relating thereto.

*Please print in BLOCK LETTERS:*

DATE: (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSED BY \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS' ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



## **Alliance Area Ulster Project**

Thank you for your interest in the Alliance Area Ulster Project and becoming a host family. The Ulster Project is an ecumenical peace program that brings twelve teenagers from Belfast, Northern Ireland to the United States each summer. Alliance is one of 13 participant cities across the U.S.A. The Alliance Area Ulster Project will celebrate its 25th annual Project in 2012.

The Northern Irish teens are between the ages of 14 and 16 and come from both the Catholic and Protestant faith communities. They are matched with American host families who have a teenager of the same sex, age, and if possible, religious affiliation. Also accompanying the teens are two adult Northern Irish Leaders, one male, one female, Catholic and Protestant. The entire group participates in structured activities aimed at giving teens' from Northern Ireland and the U.S. an opportunity to get to know one another as individuals. It is hoped that opening channels of communication at the individual level will promote reconciliation, peace, mutual problem solving, and a safe community for each participant.

This packet of information includes an application form for the teen, teen health history form and family activities checklist. Please fill out all forms and return them via mail as soon as possible. Upon receiving completed applications they will be reviewed by our Host Family Committee. A personal family interview in the home will be scheduled. Notification of acceptance will follow after completion of the application process, including review of references.

Host Applicants must be ages 14-16, rising 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> graders, be a practicing Protestant or Catholic, and must be available to participate in daily Ulster Project Activity starting June 25<sup>th</sup> thru end of July, 2012.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the Alliance Area Ulster Project.

Included is a list of frequently asked questions. Understandably, you may have additional inquiries. Please contact Shirley Ryan 330-221-3585 or Beth Glenn 330-875-4509

**We encourage you to visit our Website at <http://www.aaupusa.org>**

**Please return all forms to:**

**Alliance Area Ulster Project**

**P.O. Box 3224**

**Alliance, Oh 44601**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

### **A. Why is there a need for Ulster Project?**

Ulster Project builds the demand for peace in Northern Ireland person by person through the families of teens who participate. Ulster Project prepares and strengthens whole families to stand for peace.

### **B. Are the activities chaperoned?**

All Ulster Project activities are chaperoned by adult leaders, adult host family members, and/or Ulster Project Staff. There are rules and policies that are adhered to at all events. Each host family and teen will receive a copy of these policies.

### **C. Will my family have responsibilities before the Project begins?**

Prior to the teens' arrival, the Alliance project participants will be required to attend two to five training and orientation meetings, as time will allow.

### **D. Are the Northern Irish teens covered by insurance?**

The Northern Irish teens arrive with medical insurance. In addition, teens' are pre-registered at a local hospital to speed admittance in case of an emergency.

### **E. What financial responsibilities will we be expected to assume?**

There is no fee to participate in the Alliance Area Ulster Project. You will receive a calendar and notebook with all the Ulster Project activities listed. The Alliance Area Ulster Project will pay all fees for calendar activities for both your Northern Irish guest and host family teen. Local transportation, food, family activities, and incidental expenses are the responsibility of the host family. The Northern Irish teen will arrive with spending money.

### **F. Who can drive the Northern Irish teen and my host teen?**

Any adult/ family member age 21 or over is allowed to drive the Northern Irish teens. For the safety of everyone, we strictly enforce this rule.

### **G. What is expected from Host Parents/ Families?**

Host families provide a safe, secure, loving, and supportive home environment for their Northern Irish guest, insuring that the mission and standards of the Ulster Project are fully met for the month that the Northern Irish guest is in their home. The largest commitment by host families is transportation (commuting) to and from Project activities.

### **H. What is expected of my Host Teen?**

The primary responsibility of the American Host Teen is to be a gracious and thoughtful **host**. The American Host Teen must take care to show the Northern Irish teen that he or she is glad to have them here, that they are interested in learning about their guest and the issues of Northern Ireland. There is opportunity to see friends and have activities outside of Ulster Project while the Northern Irish teen is here, but the Ulster Project schedule is very demanding and involves nearly daily commitment for at least half the day. It is a lot like "going to summer camp", but without leaving home!