



## **Young Life Amicus Mentor Job Description**

The Amicus Mentor role is vital to the success of our exchange students. A successful Amicus student engages in all that his/her host family, school and community offers. Our desire is to have our student also engage with local Young Life ministry if at all possible. Young Life is a mentoring organization so having an adult who intentionally offers care and support to our students as well as being available to them as needs arise aligns with Young Life's core values.

**Main Objective:** Your role as an Amicus mentor is to walking alongside your Amicus student as both coach and friend, and as a liaison to the host family and school.

**Qualifications:** Anyone above the age of 25 years of age who has relational skills and a heart to care for teenagers. Training in Young Life or any youth organization is helpful but not required. Cross cultural experience and intelligence is also an added bonus.

### **Commitment Level**

- **Host Family Home Visit** – Per US State Department regulations, we will ask our Amicus Mentors to visit the Host Family to check in with the Family and make sure they are feeling comfortable and ready to host. We will give you a check list of any questions or items for review.
- **Student orientation:** Amicus will provide orientation materials for you to equip both your student and host family to have a successful exchange year. Your Amicus Division Coordinator is your key resource and will make sure you have access to all the tools you need for the orientation.
- **Monthly Face to Face interaction:** As a mentor, you will meet face-to-face with your student at least once a month to get to know your student, hear how he/she is adjusting, whether there are issues at school, with their host family, specific concerns, etc. We encourage you to look for ways to build your relationship with him/her by attending events or activities they are involved in, e.g. plays, concerts, sports.
- **Host Family Liaison:** As a mentor, you will also check in monthly with the host family. There are times when the host family may need help in communication with their student or help navigating a concern or problem regarding their student. Amicus Mentors serve as a bridge of communication in these situations. Divisional Coordinators are available for coaching and support as needed.



- **Monthly Contact Reports:** Mentors in all exchange student programs are required by the US government to complete a monthly Contact Report. You can do this quickly in 5-10 minutes via our online Contact Report form. The report communicates to your Division Coordinator and the Amicus Director how the student and his/her host family are doing and if there are any concerns or issues that should be addressed. All reports are kept confidential.
- **Division or Regional Amicus Student Gatherings:** It is our hope that students within the division or a geographical area can meet together with fellow students for an event or activity at least once when possible, during their exchange year. Your Division Coordinator will help coordinate this event. While it's not mandatory, we believe it is a wonderful way to bring value to the experience for everyone involved.

#### **Mentor Preparation and Training**

- **Assessment of Comprehension-** Young Life Amicus is under the governance of the United States State Department's Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs. Therefore there are some regulations and polices we need each Mentor to understand. There is an assessment to insure your understanding of the exchange program. It should take 45-60 minutes to review the material and answer the 30 true/false or multiple choice questions.
- **Mentor Orientation and Training-** Amicus will have Mentor Orientation training prior to an Amicus student's arrival. We will have these as Zoom video calls. They will be recorded if you are unable to attend. We will also offer several Amicus training and coaching calls throughout the year particularly in the first few months.

#### **Mentor II and Recruiters**

We have the opportunity for some folks to be involved at a deeper level with Amicus. We in fact need folks with time and a connection to a community of people to help us share the vision and grow our impact. If someone has a solid understanding of the Amicus and Young Life ministry and would like to increase their involvement, we have the roles of Mentor II and Recruiters. Mentor II job description includes the above stated responsibilities as well as committing to securing two host families at a minimum each year. An Amicus Recruiter works to share the vision and commits to a minimum of securing two host families per year. There is some compensation available for these roles. These roles are under the direction of the Director.