



# Thanksgiving Program at St. Cloud State University



Thanksgiving is a unique holiday that dates back to early North American history. It is a secular holiday intended as a time to celebrate the fall harvest and to give thanks in general. Families may celebrate the holiday in a number of ways, but as with many holidays, food is often the focus! In celebrating Thanksgiving with a local family, you will likely enjoy many delicious foods: turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, pumpkin pie, and other family favorites!

As an international student, surely one of the reasons you chose to study in the United States is to learn more about the culture. We encourage you to take advantage of any opportunity to interact with members of the community as this allows you to not only learn more about the way of life in the U.S., but to teach others about your own country and culture.

If you are interested in participating in the Thanksgiving Program, complete the application below and return it to the Center for International Studies. Students will be matched in the order the applications are received. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that you will be paired with a family, as our ability to match students depends on the number of families that are available. **\*\*Out of consideration to the families that are hosting students, please make every effort to keep this commitment once you have signed up for the Thanksgiving Program.\*\***

If you have questions, please contact CIS at [jsss@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:jsss@stcloudstate.edu). Thank you!

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## Thanksgiving Program International Student/Scholar Application

**\*\*Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 10, 2010\*\***

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner/Children (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Dietary Restrictions: Vegetarian  No Pork  No Beef  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:  It is okay if these foods are served, as long as other options are available

I am not comfortable in a household where these foods are served

Allergies (food, animals, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you comfortable around dogs/cats/other indoor pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require transportation? Yes  No

Other information/preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received at CIS \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_