

The Friendship Force of the Sunshine Coast Inc.

Ambassador Application and Agreement

Outbound Journey to _____

The person signing this Agreement agrees to the following:

As a member of The Friendship Force of.....
I (Name)wish to be considered for a position on the above Journey and I agree to participate in a citizens' Journey program as an Ambassador. I recognise that the Journey program was arranged by the Friendship Force International ("The Friendship Force"), which is an International Organization with its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia U.S.A. and which arranges home hosting between clubs with a view to breaking down the barriers that exist between countries and cultures.

The success of the experience depends on the extent to which participants can build friendships, exercise flexibility, adapt to unforeseen difficulties and promote understanding.

As an Ambassador, I agree to the following provisions to:

Secure adequate travel and medical insurance to cover emergencies during the Journey

1. be physically and mentally capable of the demands to participate in this program
2. attend all Friendship Force Journey Workshops as required by the Ambassador Coordinator (AC).
4. participate fully in the homestay
5. accept travel arrangements as arranged by the AC or by Friendship Force International
6. pay the Ambassador and Hosting fees when due
7. accept the decision making authority of the AC during the Journey
8. participate in all official activities and functions that are planned for the Ambassador's program during the Journey.
9. accept that the Journey is a public event and that the photograph and name of the Ambassadors may be used by the local and national media and Friendship Force International in its publications.

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE INTERNATIONAL
AMBASSADOR APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT**

Friendship Force International was founded in 1977 with a single mission: *to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people.* A non-profit organization, Friendship Force International is active in more than 70 countries, promoting friendship and goodwill through an extensive program of more than 400 homestay Journeys each year. In consideration of his/her selection, the person signing this Agreement ("Ambassador") agrees to the following:

The Ambassador Fee entitles the Ambassador to participate in a specific Journey and covers only the items specified in the itinerary. The schedule of payment of Ambassador Fees must be observed.

1. The Ambassador recognizes that connected with any travel there are risks of loss, damage, and injury to persons and property, and the Ambassador is willing to assume and bear those risks. The Ambassador also recognizes that he/she is responsible for complying with all laws of all countries visited. Therefore, the Ambassador, in consideration of his/her selection by Friendship Force International, agrees to and does hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Friendship Force International (*which shall include the directors, officers, and employees thereof, as well as its volunteer workers*) from all claims, actions, and causes of action based upon or by reason of any loss, damage, or injury to the Ambassador's person or property, arising out of or in any manner connected with any aspect of the Journey program or by

reason of the Ambassador's failure to comply with any law in any country in which he/she may travel in connection with the Journey program. Friendship Force International shall have no liability or obligation to return the Ambassador to his/her home community if the Ambassador should miss the return trip due to illness, injury, failure to report to the airport at the prescribed time, or for any other reason.

2. All Friendship Force Ambassadors are required to secure adequate travel and medical insurance to cover emergencies during the Journey. No travel, health, or accident insurance is provided by Friendship Force International, although one may be recommended. This requirement can be fulfilled through the Ambassador's existing insurance policy if it covers international travel, including emergency repatriation, or through a separate travel insurance policy. All travel will be subject to regulations and limitations contained in the ticket(s) issued to the Ambassador.

3. Any request for cancellation of this agreement must be made in writing to the local Ambassador Coordinator and to the Friendship Force International Program Manager overseeing the specific Journey. If an Ambassador cancels more than 60 days before departure, FFI will refund all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees already paid. If an Ambassador cancels 60 days or less prior to the departure, FFI has no obligation to refund the ambassador fee paid. If FFI cancels a Journey, all FFI Ambassador Fees and Host Club Program Fees paid will be returned to Ambassadors. If this ambassador agreement is not for a club-to-club Journey, but instead for a themed, Global or special Journey please consult your FFI Program Manager for cancellation and refund policies.

4. Friendship Force International may cancel this agreement if it is unsuccessful in establishing a Journey which satisfies the goals of Friendship Force International for any reason, including cancellation of or unacceptable changes to the airline arrangements or failure of the local committee to recruit the required number of Ambassadors. In such cases, the Ambassador Fee will be refunded except the \$25 portion designated as non-refundable.

5. If Friendship Force International is making travel arrangements for your Journey, any price increase for transportation will be passed on to the Ambassador until the time that the full Ambassador Fee is received at the headquarters office of Friendship Force International in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. After that time, no increase will be passed on to the Ambassador, except in the case of carrier or routing changes beyond the control of Friendship Force International.

6. The Friendship Force Ambassador hereby agrees to follow the provisions stated above and: a) to accept travel arrangements as arranged by Friendship Force International, where applicable b) to participate fully in the homestay arrangements as arranged (unless previously discussed and adjusted), c) to pay the Ambassador Fee when due, d) to accept the decision making authority of the Ambassador Coordinator during the Journey, e) to accept that the Journey is a public event and that the photograph and name of the Ambassador may be used by the local and national media, Friendship Force clubs and Friendship Force International in their publications, online and social media; and f) to comply with all commitments made to Friendship Force International as covered by this form, and the 'Policies and Procedures' Ambassador standards established by Friendship Force International.

7. Upon acceptance of the Ambassador into the Journey program, this Agreement shall become effective and binding upon Friendship Force International and the Ambassador, and shall be governed by the laws of the state of Georgia, USA. No representations, or statements, whether oral or written, other than those contained herein, shall be binding on Friendship Force International. In the event the Ambassador fails to abide by any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, Friendship Force International may terminate this Agreement without any penalty or liability to Friendship Force International.

8. **Ambassador Pledge:**

My main objective as I join this Journey is for cultural understanding, global friendship building and to make the world a more peaceful place. My health is good enough to keep up with the group activities as planned in the initial itinerary and I state that my answers in the Health and Mobility section of this form are true and accurate.

As an ambassador, I am aware that my actions reflect on myself as a citizen diplomat, and as a representative of Friendship Force and its mission, the country and community I come from and the club I am a member of. I promise to conduct myself in an exemplary manner. I understand the Ambassador Coordinator of this Journey has been given authority by Friendship Force International headquarters to lead and conduct this Journey for the best interests of all parties concerned. The Ambassador Coordinator has the authority to remove any person from a Journey who is not in compliance with the goals of Friendship Force International. In case there is a need to use hotels or other accommodations as auxiliary housing, or a need or desire on my part for a single room on the add-on part of the Journey, I will bear the expense.

- I have read the Ambassador Agreement provided with this Application and accept its terms.
- I hereby agree to secure adequate travel and medical insurance for the duration of the Journey.
- I hereby agree to release Friendship Force International, its agents, the Ambassador Coordinator, my host and any vendors who participate in this Journey from liability, loss or damages:
- I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and have completed this application to the best of my knowledge and believe it is true.

Ambassadors under 18 must travel with a parent or guardian. Ambassadors under 16 must be hosted together with a parent or guardian.

Name of guardian for youth under 18: _____

*If I am below 18, I am including a letter of responsibility by my guardian, parent or adult supervisor allowing me to take part in all activities of this Journey.

Print Full Name of Ambassador (as on Passport)

Ambassador Signature _____ Date _____

Guardian's Signature* _____

***If Ambassador is under 18 years old, both signatures are required.**

Office Use:

AC's Signature _____ Date _____

Approval -- FFSC President _____ Date _____