

Bozeman Friends of International Students (BFIS)



The Office of International Programs (OIP) at MSU would like to extend an invitation to participate in the Bozeman Friends of International Students (BFIS) program. BFIS is a cross-cultural exchange program designed to encourage friendships between our international students and the local Bozeman community, and to facilitate the exchange of ideas and culture. MSU faculty and staff, as well as Bozeman community members who wish to befriend an international student are invited to participate.

As a BFIS member, you will play an integral part in your student's development and general happiness in Bozeman. We request that members offer the minimal commitment of inviting students to dinner once per month, as availability permits, as well as invitations to holiday dinners or events, such as Thanksgiving. However, families will find that as their relationship grows, they will likely want to see their student more often, and vice versa. We encourage greater engagement between BFIS families and their students; we try to match students with families of similar interests in hopes of nurturing stronger relationships.

If interested in participating, please complete the short questionnaire on the following page and return it to international@montana.edu.



[instagram.com/internationalmsu/](https://www.instagram.com/internationalmsu/)



[facebook.com/montanastateuniversityinternationalstudents](https://www.facebook.com/montanastateuniversityinternationalstudents)

Thank you for your participation in BFIS!

Please direct any additional questions to the MSU Office of International Programs.



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BFIS members are encouraged to offer the following minimal support to their international students:

- Airport pickup (*new students only, coordinated by OIP*)
 - Shopping (*pre-semester shopping trip for necessities – new students only*)
 - Welcome dinner at BFIS member's home or restaurant (*at the start of the semester, new students*)
 - BFIS community social (*date to be determined*)
 - Monthly (*as schedules permit*) invitation to your home or family gathering, possible holidays or family events, outings, or short trips
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If you are interested in participating, please email international@montana.edu with answers to the following questions. We will use your answers to pair you with a student.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Do you have previous experience with programs like the BFIS program? If yes, please explain. If no, why would you like to join?
2. Can you commit to providing the above suggested, or similar, support to your friendship student?
3. With which members of your family might your international student be involved? If children are included, please provide ages, gender, and relationship to you (for example: daughters (6) & (4) / grandson (10)).
4. Do you have pets? If yes, what kind & how many?
5. What is your (and your spouse's, if applicable) field(s) of work?
6. International experience/hobbies/community activities?
7. Male or female friendship student? Male Female No Preference
8. Preferred geographic area(s) of friendship student?
9. Would you be willing to befriend two or more students? Yes No Maybe