



**United States - Sri Lanka
Fulbright Commission**

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“The rapprochement of people is only possible when differences of culture and outlook are respected and appreciated rather than feared or condemned, when the common bond of human dignity is recognized as the essential bond for a peaceful human world.”
Senator J William Fulbright

The Fulbright Programme aims to achieve mutual understanding between the United States and partner countries through academic exchange. To date, nearly a quarter of a million people from the USA and the 140 partner countries have lived and studied abroad through the Programme. Former Fulbrighters have included, among others, the UN Sec. General, Butros Butros-Ghali, the Greek Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreu, the economist Milton Friedman and the novelist, John Updike. The programme is administered in each country through a bi-national commission.

The US-SLFC, the bi-national commission for Sri Lanka, was established in 1952 by an executive agreement between the Government of Ceylon and the Government of the United States. The agreement gained permanent status in 1964. The Commission devotes its activities to the promotion of the aims of the Fulbright Programme. Sri Lankan Fulbrighters have included, Prof., K M de Silva, Prof., Ashley Halpe and Mr Bradman Weerakoon.

Hosting a US Fulbright Scholar

The US-SLFC wishes to invite Sri Lankan families to host a US Fulbright Scholar during the scholar's stay in Sri Lanka. As the aim of the Fulbright programme is the promotion of mutual cultural understanding between people and nations, the host family will be encouraged to develop strong links with the scholar to give the scholar opportunities to be part of day-to-day events, celebrations and activities of the host-family. The host family will not be expected to provide board or lodging for the scholar.

US scholars reside in Sri Lanka for time periods ranging from 6 – 9 months. The scholars usually arrive in Sri Lanka during the last quarter of the year.

Suggested activities with the scholar:

- Assist the scholar settle into the country – help the scholar get to know the City, introduce scholar to places of interest and practical use such as shops.
- Invite the scholar to family events such as get-togethers, family meals, traditional New Year celebrations, weddings, cultural events or religious ceremonies.
- Invite the scholar to join the family on social outings - concerts, trips etc.

While special social events and outings with the host family will be much appreciated by the scholar, it will be the day to day gatherings and activities that will be of immense value in giving the scholar opportunities to understand Sri Lankan culture and life. Therefore it is hoped that you will provide the scholar an opportunity to be part of a variety of family and social events.

Host Family Profile

Please complete this form and return to the United States- Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission

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<p>Other relevant details about the family/ household</p>	
<p>Signed</p>	<p>Signature..... Date:</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Signature: Date:</p> <p>Name:</p>