

Home For Foreign Exchange Student

Kiwanians To Underwrite Major Portion Of Participation Cost

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A joint announcement last week by the Grinnell Kiwanis Club and the GHS student council revealed that the local Kiwanians have agreed to underwrite the major portion of the \$650 participating contribution necessary for the school to obtain a foreign exchange student:

Local Family

In addition, the Kiwanians will aid an attempt to influence a local family to provide a good home for the foreign student during his nine-month stay in Grinnell. The Kiwanis Club will accept responsibility for approximately two-thirds of the \$650 contribution. This contribution will be used to defray transportation costs.

To raise their share of the contribution the student council plans to instigate a Share-the-Fare campaign among students and local citizens. Contributions to this fund should be directed to Principal W. W. Owen at Grinnell high school.

Major Obstacle

Major obstacle blocking the venture at this time is the need for a family to offer a home for the student. Families interested in providing a home for a foreign exchange student for one school year should submit an application to Owen not later than February 4th.

Applications

Applications will be forwarded to the American Field Service in New York, along with the school's request for a student, and final selection of the family will be made at that headquarters.

To be eligible, a family must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be native born.

2. Must be old enough to have a child in the 16 to 18 year old age bracket.

3. Must be able to accept the financial responsibility of an added member of the family.

4. Must be able to provide a separate bed for the student.

Age Policy

In connection with item two of the requirements, the family need not have children in the same age group. However, they must be old enough to have children of their own of that general age.

Religious differences will not present a barrier.

Financial Obligations

It was pointed out that foreign exchange students are fully insured for accident and illness during their stay here. However, certain other financial obligations, in addition to normal living expenses, are to be assumed by the family.

If the foreign youth is a junior student, costs of class rings, etc., are the local family's responsibility. In the case of a senior student, the local family must assume the costs of graduation — pictures, cap and gown, etc.

Here Next Year

School officials hope to have a foreign exchange student here for the 1957-58 school year. Foreign students are selected from 30 different nations.