

# ECHHO

## Overview



### Exchanging Cultures Helping & Honoring Others-Student

ECHHO is a program that connects TCC faculty and staff to international students who are currently enrolled in our college. Participating students acquire an authentic glimpse into the lives of friendly American people living in Tulsa and surrounding areas. At the same time, volunteers gain an opportunity to explore cultures from around the world by interacting with their assigned international student(s). Through it all, both sides can develop long-lasting and meaningful friendships.

As an ECHHO student participant you should:

*Reply on a timely basis to emails your American partner sends you.*  
*Attend an on-campus activity such as lunch, the ISSC Food Fair, a PACE event or "Welcome Back" with your American partner (A minimum of once a semester).*  
*Meet your partner in their office to learn about their position and role at TCC.*

Other ideas you may want to consider:

*Cook a native dish for your American partner and share it with them at TCC.*  
*Invite your American partner to one of the English Conversation Club Seasonal Parties. (Contact Kara Culp at kararenaec@gmail.com)\**

You should **not** ask your American partner for any housing, financial, legal or immigration assistance.

Participating in ECHHO actually requires very little from you. Simply make initial contact, participate in an opening activity, and extend an invitation once or twice a semester. Remember, the TCC faculty and staff are as busy as you are. The time commitment on both sides is really quite small.

If you would like more information about the ECHHO program, please contact:

Dr. Douglass Price  
Kenneth Kern

Dean of Global Education  
International Student Advisor

595-7853  
595-7509

\*All activities are the shared expense of both ECHHO volunteer and student participant.

**Transportation:** Students are responsible for their own transportation. They may not rely on ECHHO volunteers unless the transportation is in a TCC state car. In such a case, a student liability waiver must first be signed and on file with Kenneth Kern or Douglass Price. Pick up your waiver at TCC Student Activities.

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## **Sign-up**



### TCC Student Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_

Semesters at TCC: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the ISSC **Yes**\_\_ **No**\_\_

I'd like to participate with the following students (please list no more than 2):

You may request or recommend for one of your instructors to participate in ECHHO. If you have someone in mind, please provide their name here:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any foreseeable days or times you will be free to participate \_\_\_\_\_

### **What are my responsibilities as a participant in the ECHHO program?**

- Return phone calls, e-mail and messages from people in the program
- Keep agreed appointments and notify partner of changes in email or telephone numbers
- Complete an evaluation at the end of the year

**Some things to consider:** ECHHO partners can be all ages and may include families, couples or single people. They also include people from all cultural backgrounds who live in the Tulsa area. Single people will usually be matched with a person of the same sex. All participants in the program must agree to respect the other person's culture, beliefs, religion, and customs.

**What if I have a problem?** If you feel uncomfortable with your involvement in ECHHO, please contact Kenneth Kern at 595-7509 or [kkern@tulsacc.edu](mailto:kkern@tulsacc.edu) immediately.

**When is my ECHHO participation going to conclude or be finished?** Your involvement in ECHHO is expected to last through the academic year (August-May). Both the student and the ECHHO participant may develop a need to discontinue participation prior to the end of the academic term. If you need to discontinue your participation, please contact Kenneth Kern at 595-7509 or [kkern@tulsacc.edu](mailto:kkern@tulsacc.edu).