GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
International Student & Scholar Services

Participants in any International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) sponsored event / program agree to abide by the ISSS Guidelines for community volunteers (adapted from the NAFSA Code of Ethics):

1. American hosts are not responsible for financial support or for providing housing for their assigned student/scholar. There are other areas of the student’s/scholar’s life which the host is not expected to handle. An ISSS Advisor is responsible for assisting students / scholars in the following areas:
   - Employment restrictions
   - Immigration & Visa problems
   - Academic problems with professors, advisors, and administrators
   - Medical and/or Financial problems

2. American hosts must embrace a sensitivity to, and appreciation of, the religious, cultural, and national backgrounds of international participants and a proper regard for confidential personal information that may be offered by international and American participants.

3. American hosts should properly inform their assigned student/scholar of any religious/political activity that is being planned for their time together. The student/scholar must give informed consent to be a part of those activities before hand—there must be a socially-acceptable face-saving way to choose not to be a part of the activities as many cultures cannot say, “No,” directly to you. This does not mean you must avoid religious/political topics in all normal social conversation. However, due to language facility, we want to make sure no student feels intimidated or put upon.

If you have any questions regarding the above please email intercultural@austin.utexas.edu!