



# International Pen Friends

- Write around the world

## International Student Service

Greetings!

Today it is possible to reach into the hearts and homes of people in almost every country in the world. It is a unique and wonderful achievement to be able to learn how others live, to participate in their hobbies and interests and perhaps at a later date, to exchange visits with them and to share the joy of real friendship.

The aim of International Pen Friends (IPF) is to provide a channel of communication for people of all nations so they can learn to understand, respect and live in harmony with each other. Since IPF was founded in 1967 we have processed over 2 million application forms and our service is available in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian. Our youngest member is 8 years old, our oldest was born in 1920. We recognise that teachers and students have a vital role to play in the development of international friendship. To make this potential a reality, we have devised our Special Student services which are the most comprehensive in the world.

### Service S - for at least 10 students aged 10 - 17

Each student receives a list of 4 names and addresses of IPF members in their age group. The **name and home address of each student in the school group will also be passed to 10 other new members during the following 12 months**. This provides the best opportunity for each student to gain many pen friends. To enable us provide this "back-up" service the form overleaf has to be completed and sent to IPF. The lists are sent to the teacher (or person in charge) for distribution to the students. The membership expires automatically after a year. The pen friends we give will be in the students own age group.

### Service M:

IPF's full colour magazine „**People & Places**“ is a fun and informative way to stay in touch with the pen friend world and includes the latest news on IPF's activities and items submitted by members including member profiles, pen friend stories, letter writing adventures, travel articles, photographs, etc. There are also competitions, give-aways and a prize of \$ 200 US Dollar for the best article published in each edition. Additionally, there is an own school class page where Service S members can submit their pen friend experience and photos. **Each item published in here wins a price of \$ 100 US Dollar for free use for school projects.**

**Service B** - IPF's special booklet on letter writing and pen friend hints. The booklet has been written for members of all ages to help enhance their pen friend experience.

**Teachers** can participate in our adult services. Teachers who enrol school classes with us are entitled to 50% discount off adult admission rates.

Through the pen friend hobby, students have the opportunity to learn not only good writing techniques and develop existing hobbies, but can also gain a deeper understanding of such subjects as history, geography, languages, commerce, and religion. Above all, they have the opportunity to discover the cultures of foreign lands and as the friendship develops between correspondents, the possibility of exchange visits can be explored, adding yet another dimension to the pen friend experience.

Due to the fact that not all our members have permanent access to computer and internet we only provide postal addresses but you can of course use any kind of communication with your pen friends if the facilities are given on both sides.

IPF respects the privacy of all members and the information we request on the application form is only use for the purpose of providing our pen friend service.

IPF was founded on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1967 in Dublin, Ireland, by Neil O'Donnel who remained president until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2001 when he retired. On 1<sup>st</sup> February Julie Delbridge took over the role of president and IPF relocated to Melbourne, Australia. Julie has tremendous enthusiasm for the pen friend hobby having joined IPF in 1979 and becoming Australian Coordinator in 1982.

In order to give you the greatest variety of correspondents we have appointed over 400 agents worldwide and we are represented on the internet. We hope that you will join us and by our honest and sincere correspondence that you will encourage international harmony and find many true friends among "International Pen Friends".

Best wishes and Happy Letter Writing

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## APPLICATION FORM S-SERVICE

First and Surname of the teacher (person in charge) .....

Name of class or youth group .....

Full address of school or organisation .....

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country .....

E-mail of teacher (or person in charge) .....

Do the pupils wish male or female pen friends or both? .....

How did you get to know about IPF? .....

Please underline what is of your pupils' general interest:

Animals, antiquaries, art, astrology, camping, cars, chess, computer, cooking, crafts, dancing, environment, exchange holidays, agriculture, fashion, fishing, gardening, health & fitness, history, internet, languages, literature, movies, music, philately, philosophy, photography, reading, religion, science, social work, sports, theatre, travel, writing

**Exchange of items:** cards, stamps, souvenirs, dolls, books, tapes/CDs.

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**Please underline AT LEAST 8 COUNTRIES in which your pupils like to have pen friends. We will try to meet all requests, but if we cannot, we will provide you with pen friends from other countries:**

**AFRICA:** Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Africa general, Indian Ocean Islands **AMERICAS:** Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Columbia, Mexico, Peru, USA, America general. **ASIA/PACIFIC:** Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, China, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Asia general, Pacific Islands. **EUROPE:** Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, west Europe general; Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, CIS, Russia, Slovakia, Ukraine, East Europe general **MIDDLE EAST:** Israel, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Near East general (*Pen pals from middle east are mostly male.*)

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**Remarks:** Pen Friends from Near East are mostly male.

To get the utmost benefit it is useful to correspond in all official IPF languages your pupils know. For instance, an English school class that wants to correspond in German only and a German school class that wants to correspond only in English only, could not be matched.

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**Please tick the required service**

	EU-countries + Switzerland	/	EU-new countries CZ,HU,SOL,LT,LV etc
<input type="checkbox"/> Service S – for ..... pupils	€ 5,-/pupil		€ 4,-/pupil
<input type="checkbox"/> Service M – 1 issue People & Places	€ 10,-		€ 8,-
<input type="checkbox"/> Service B – get ..... of our booklet with tips about pen palling	€ 5,-		€ 4,-
Total amount: .....			

**Amount is paid:**

- Cash together with the application forms (by registered letter)
- By bank draft to Germany Sparkasse, **IBAN 33800537220043265638 BIC:NOLADE21BTF** payable on the name of Mr. Wolfgang Rosig
- By [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) made payable to [office@ipfpenfriends.net](mailto:office@ipfpenfriends.net)

**Please return the application forms and fees to:**

**IPF Office for Germany, Austria and Switzerland,  
Mr. Wolfgang Rosig  
P.O. Box 1104  
D-06731 Bitterfeld-Wolfen  
Germany**

Please type the pupils' data or write clear

Given & family name: ..... Address: ..... ..... Year of birth ..... gender:..... Preferred countries..... .....	Given & family name: ..... Address: ..... ..... Year of birth ..... gender:..... Preferred countries..... .....
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