



# International Pen Friends

## - Write Around the World!

### Greetings

Have you ever considered that the greatest friend you may ever have is someone you have never met, living in a land you have never seen? International Pen Friends (IPF) has over 300,000 members in 192 countries and we can provide you with new friends in your own age group from many countries around the world. IPF was established in 1967 and since that time we have processed approximately 1.5 million application forms. Our commitment and service has led to us being recognised as the greatest pen friend organisation in the world.

The doors of IPF are open to young and old, male and female, married and single. Our youngest member is eight years old. Our oldest member was born in 1920. To each of you we can bring friendship through the **English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese languages**. IPF members are people from all walks of life and every caste, creed and colour is represented in our Club.

Whether you would like to cultivate friendship, practice a foreign language or develop your hobbies, please be assured that we will provide you with many new, refreshing, exciting and interesting contacts when you return to us the completed application form which is overleaf. Our services have been designed with great care and with special consideration for young people and Senior Citizens (over 60 years).

- C1 Service:** For **one** applicant aged 8-14  
A list of 10 pen friend names and addresses will be provided.
- C2 Service:** For **two** applicants aged 8-14  
A list of 7 pen friend names and addresses will be provided to each applicant.  
(Each applicant should complete a separate application form and return both forms together to IPF.)
- C3 Service:** For **one** applicant aged 15-20  
A list of 14 pen friend names and addresses will be provided.
- C4 Service:** For **two** applicants aged 15-20  
This is ideal for **two** friends. A list of 7 pen friend names and addresses will be provided to each applicant.  
(Each applicant should complete a separate application form and return both forms together to IPF.)
- C5 Service:** For **one** applicant aged 21-60  
A list of 14 pen friend names and addresses will be provided.
- C6 Service:** For **two** applicants aged 21-60  
This service is ideal for a husband and wife or **two** friends. A list of 7 pen friend names and addresses will be provided to each applicant. (Each applicant should complete a separate application form and return both forms together to IPF.)
- C7 Service:** For **one** Senior Citizen **over** 60 years of age  
A list of 14 pen friend names and addresses will be provided.
- C8 Service:** For **two** Senior Citizens **over** 60 years of age  
This service is ideal for a husband and wife or **two** friends. A list of 7 pen friend names and addresses will be provided to each applicant. (Each applicant should complete a separate application form and return both forms together to IPF.)
- M1/M2 Service:** IPF's full-colour international magazine, "People & Places". The magazine 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 and advice, travel articles, photographs, etc. There are also competitions, give-aways and a **prize of US\$200 for the best article published in each edition**.
- B1 Service:** 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.

**Membership is for one year and during that period we will also pass your name to 14 other members. The pen friends we give you will be in your own age group.**

IPF respects your privacy and the information we ask you to complete on the application form is only used for the purpose of providing you with our pen friend service. Please contact us if you would like a copy of our Privacy Policy.

If your main hobby or interest is exchanging stamps, then some of the contacts we give you will be stamp-exchanging club members. We now have over 6,000 stamp collectors in IPF and we also have our own Stamp Exchange Centre.

A comprehensive programme is available for Teachers, School Classes, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and all Youth Groups aged 10-17 years. We will send full details of this programme to you if you apply for forms S100E/700.

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

In order to give you the greatest variety of correspondents we employ over 400 Club Agents worldwide and we are represented on the Internet. We use the latest computer equipment to provide you with a fast and accurate service. We hope that you will join us, and by your honest and sincere correspondence that you will encourage international harmony and find many true friends among "International Pen Friends".

Best wishes

*Ann Van Olmen*  
IPF Representative

**Please Note: Members should allow approximately 4-6 weeks for the return of their list of pen friends.**  
An EXTRA application form is enclosed in case any of your friends may also wish to join.

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