



ENGLISH as a Second Language

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HOMESTAY APPLICATION

Students live in comfortable homes within reasonable (30-75 minutes) commuting distance of the International Language Institute (ILI). Homestay includes a private bedroom, shared bath, access to laundry facilities, breakfast every day and dinner five (5) days per week. **The cost of Homestay is \$1025 per four-week period.** The minimum Homestay period is four weeks.

In order to be placed in Homestay, this entire application has to be completed and signed by the student. A \$150 placement fee and a deposit of \$260 (rate for 1 week) are due with the application. **Without the payment of \$410, this application cannot be processed.** We accept cash, U.S. checks, credit cards, money orders, Western Union and international bank wires.

Students are placed on a first come, first serve basis. We encourage students to apply as early as possible and at least two weeks in advance of the expected start date. Last minute applications are only considered if we have vacancies. If we are not able to place you, a full refund will be given.

I. Student Information (please print clearly):

I am/will be an F-1 visa student at ILI: Yes No (sorry, we will not be able to accept you)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Gender Male Female Birthdate _____

Country of Birth _____

Native Language _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

II. Homestay Information (please print clearly):

Expected Start Date: _____ Expected End Date: _____

Airport Pickup: Yes No (Charges: \$100 Dulles IAD, \$100 Reagan DCA, \$125 Baltimore BWI)

How is your English? Good Fair Poor

What are your hobbies? _____

Is Homestay with children acceptable? Yes No, _____ With pets? Yes No

Level of School which you most recently attended: High School University Other _____

Are you allergic to any foods, animals or medicines? Yes, please explain: _____ No

How is your health? Good Fair Poor Do you smoke? Yes No

Health insurance for the U.S.A. is required by all Homestay students. Please provide the following:

Health Insurance Company: _____

Phone Number: _____ Policy Number: _____

III. Acknowledgements:

My signature below indicates that I completely understand and agree with the rules and policies of ILI's Homestay Program as stated on both pages of this document.

Signature of Student

Date

Homestay Rules and Policies:

- The Homestay Placement fee of \$150 is non-refundable, unless ILI is unable to place the student with a host family in which case the fee will be refunded to the applicant.
- The minimum length of Homestay is four weeks and a deposit of \$260 is due with this application. We accept cash, U.S. checks, credit cards, money orders, Western Union and international bank wires.
- The cost of four weeks of Homestay is \$1025. The weekly rate of Homestay is \$260. The daily rate of Homestay is \$38. The late fee is \$15 per week. The returned check/payment fee is \$30. The bank wire fee is \$30. All payments have to be made to ILI and not to the host family. Prices are subject to change.
- Homestay includes breakfast every day and dinner five days per week, a private bedroom, shared or private bath, use of TV and internet in common areas, and access to laundry facilities. Phone calls are not included and only calling cards may be used for long-distance calls.
- Homestay may not be provided for students with special problems or requirements, including but not limited to any medical, physical or dietary issues. Such problems or requirements must be indicated on the application; otherwise ILI reserves the right to terminate the applicant's Homestay at any time.
- **Placement Process:** Once a completed application, including the full placement fee of the \$150, has been received, ILI's Homestay Coordinator will start the placement process. Students are placed on a first come, first serve basis. Once a suitable family has been found, the student will receive an email with the host family's contact information. If no suitable family can be found, the student will be notified and the payment refunded to the student.
- **Vacations:** Students on approved vacations from school need to continue to pay for Homestay unless they completely remove all personal belongings from the host family's home. Students may be placed with a different host family upon their return from vacation.
- **Cancellations:** If a student cancels at least 1 week prior to the expected start date, no charges apply. Otherwise a **1-week cancellation notice** applies and \$260 will be charged to the student. Active Homestay students wishing to withdraw after their initial 4 week period but before the scheduled end date of Homestay are required to give ILI at least a **1-week cancellation notice** before their intended last day in Homestay. Only if a 1-week cancellation notice is given, any pro-rated prepayment of Homestay will be refunded. Refunds will be made by check for all cash, check or debit card payments and by credit card for all credit card payments within 30 days of leaving Homestay.
- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
- **Applicant must be enrolled at ILI as an F-1 visa student in our Intensive English Program in Washington, D.C. or Gaithersburg, MD.**
- Applicant agrees to arrange a time to meet the host family at their house and to arrive between 8 am and no later than 10 pm on the first day. Incoming flight information should be provided to the Homestay Coordinator.
- Applicant agrees not to remain with the host family if no longer enrolled at ILI.
- Applicant is responsible for the cost of commuting on public transportation to and from school which costs between \$5-\$15 per day. **Please note:** commute to school can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 75 minutes door-to-door, which is a very common commute in the DC area.
- Applicant must be covered by health and accident insurance during Homestay. It is not our responsibility to provide such insurance. However, we do have information for our students. While we do not endorse the following health insurance company, we have been referring many students to Compass Benefit Group at www.compassstudenthealthinsurance.com.
- Applicant gives permission to the host family and ILI to arrange for any emergency treatment if necessary and takes full responsibility for the cost of such care.
- ILI does not honor requests for host families of a specific race, religion, or ethnic background. In addition to traditional two-parent families, host families may include single-parent families, couples without children and single adults.
- ILI is not responsible for any damage, illness, or injury incurred during the Homestay period.

Questions? Please contact ILI at ili@ilimd.com or (301) 527-0600.