



# Homestay Application

International Students & Professionals

Please complete all information to help us understand your needs and better match you with a host.

## General Information

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name Middle Name (if one) Last Name (Family or Surname)*

Gender  Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Age (years) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Country \_\_\_\_\_

Address *(include House/Building, Street or Section, Subdivision, Precinct, City, Province, Country, etc.)* Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Include country and city codes.)*

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (1) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Home University/College

Current  Previous

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Highest Educational Level

2-Year College  Bachelors Degree  
 Masters Degree  Doctorate  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

English Level

Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

U.S. University/College

*Name of U.S. School & Address you will be attending*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you enrolled/registered

Yes *(If Yes, what is your schedule)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No *(If No, when will enroll/register?)*

U.S. Visa Type \_\_\_\_\_

*(example: F-1, M-1, J-1, etc.)*

\_\_\_\_ Number of months you will stay in U.S.?

\_\_\_\_ Number of months you will stay in Homestay?

\_\_\_\_ Date you want to start Homestay?

} Please **DO NOT** leave blank

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*International Students, Scholars & Visitors*

### Emergency Contacts

**Home Contact Person** - \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship - \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: mother, father, etc.)

Telephone - \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include country and city code)

e-mail - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax - \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Contact Person** - \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship - \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: uncle, aunt, brother, sister, etc.)

Telephone - \_\_\_\_\_ (Please include area code)

e-mail - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax - \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments** - \_\_\_\_\_

### Arrival/Flight Information

**Are you already in the U.S.**  Yes  No

**Arrival Date** (Arriving in U.S.) - \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** (Leaving U.S.) - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write the month, day, and year. Example: July 23, 2010 – Please notify us immediately if this information changes)

**Airline** - \_\_\_\_\_ **Flight Number** - \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Time** - (Pacific Standard Time) \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM (check one)

**Airport** - (check one) -  San Francisco, CA (SFO)  Sacramento, CA (SMF)

**Airport Pickup** – We offer safe and very affordable airport pickup service and rates.

Would you like to be picked up from the airport?  Yes  No

If no, how will you get to hosts home? \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments** - \_\_\_\_\_

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## Housing Preference Questionnaire

### About Homestay & You

**Why Homestay** – Why are you requesting Homestay? *(check all that apply and explain)*

- Roommate Situation Didn't Work Out  Enhanced American Experience  More Affordable  
 Previous Host Situation Didn't Work Out  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Homestay** - Have you been ever been in homestay?  Yes  No *(If yes explain where and how long)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Pets** - Almost all Americans have indoor pets *(dogs and cats)*. Are you OK with pets?  Yes  
 No *(If no, please explain and understand that your placement may be cancelled or delayed)*

**Smoking** – Do you currently smoke?  Yes  No *(Please be honest)*  
Do you plan to smoke?  Yes  No *(Please be honest)*  
Can you live with other smokers?  Yes  No

### Health & Healthcare

Do you have any health issues or allergies?  No  Yes *(If yes, please explain below.)*

Do you or will you take any medications?  No  Yes *(If yes, list names)* \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have health insurance?  Yes *(Please bring English copy of insurance card/certificate.)*  
 No *(Do you plan on purchasing health insurance?  No  Yes)*

**Food** - You will be provided with food that Americans eat which will probably be different from food that you are accustomed to. Your host is not required to provide food from your country.

Are you OK with this?  Yes  No      Do you have any food restrictions?  Yes  No  
*Comments* \_\_\_\_\_

**Children** – Is it OK that the host has children?  Yes  No

**Religion** – What is your religion \_\_\_\_\_

Is it OK that the host is of a religion different than yours?  Yes  No

**Travel** - Have you traveled to any other countries?  Yes  No *(If yes where and how long)*

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## Housing Preference Questionnaire - *continued*

**Personality** - I consider myself...*(check all that apply but make careful selections – for example checking shy and sociable are not correct together)*

- |                                    |                                     |                                      |                                      |                                    |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet       | <input type="checkbox"/> Energetic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sociable  | <input type="checkbox"/> Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerful    | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat/Tidy   | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative | <input type="checkbox"/> Modest     | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurous | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious     | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun       | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                    |

**Yourself, Family, Interests, Hobbies, Profession** - Please tell us about yourself, your family and include your interests, hobbies, profession, etc. *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

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**Mobile/Cell Phones & Computers** - Please choose the best statement  
*(note: host's do not provide mobile/cell phones nor computers).*

Mobile/Cell Phones	Computer
<input type="checkbox"/> I will bring my own	<input type="checkbox"/> I will bring my own
<input type="checkbox"/> I plan to purchase	<input type="checkbox"/> I plan to purchase
<input type="checkbox"/> I don't have and don't plan to purchase	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't have and don't plan to purchase

### Transportation

*Although most hosts live close (within 5 miles) of your school or business, America is very spread out and most things are not as close as in many countries.*

*We suggest you bring or apply and get an international driver license before leaving your home country. You may have an opportunity to drive while in the U.S. if you rent, buy or borrow a car.*

**Public Transit & Automobile** - What kind of transportation will you use? *(check all that apply):*

- Public Transit – Bus and Rail
- Automobile *(check all that apply)*
  - I don't plan on driving
  - I will buy a car    I will rent a car    I want to borrow a car    I will need parking
  - I plan on getting an International Driver License before I leave my country
  - I have an International Driver License
  - I will get a California Driver License while in the U.S.
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Homestay Applicant Agreement

**Homestay Services and Placement Fees** – I understand and agree that I must pay for Homestay services provided.

I understand that IHA rates are based on four (4) week intervals and that IHA calculates Homestay fees based on my arrival date. I further understand that my initial invoice, based on my arrival date, will include a prorated monthly amount added to a regular monthly amount. Please note that IHA does not require an initial deposit.

I understand and agree to pay the rate that applies to my Homestay city:

- Sacramento - \$700.00 USD for a private room with three (3) meals daily
- Sacramento - \$575.00 USD for a shared room\* with three (3) meals daily.
- Berkeley & San Francisco - \$800.00 for a private room with three (3) meals daily
- Berkeley & San Francisco - \$657.00 USD for a shared room\* with three (3) meals daily.

*\*Arrangements for shared room guests must be made by guests themselves prior to submitting application and must be indicated on application. IHA does not arrange shared room matches but will place two guests that have previously agreed to share a room. If one moves out, the remaining guest is immediately assessed the current private room rate. Shared room placements are subject to availability of approved "shared room" hosts.*

**I understand and agree that the Homestay services fee and a the one-time, non-refundable placement fee is due two (2) weeks prior to my arrival by bank wire or by credit/debit card if a host is identified.**

I understand and agree to pay the on-time placement fee that applies to my Homestay city:

- Sacramento - \$275.00 USD
- Berkeley & San Francisco - \$315.00 USD

**Payment Deadline and Late Fee** - I understand and agree that payment for my Homestay is due by the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of each month. I understand and agree that a \$50.00 USD late fee will be assessed for any late payments and for payments received within two (2) weeks of desired homestay start date.

**Cancellations and Refunds** – Regarding cancellations, I understand and agree that if a host is not identified within one (1) week prior to my arrival; I have the right to cancel and to a refund by check, if funds were wired, or by a credit back to the debit/credit card used to make initial payment, minus debit/card and wire fees.

Regarding emergency cancellations before arrival, I understand and agree that I can cancel Homestay services and receive a full refund, minus the debit/card and wire fees, if I notify IHA on or before seven (7) days prior to my scheduled arrival date. I further understand and agree that if notice is given less seven (7) days prior to my scheduled arrival date, I will be charged and agree to pay a cancellation fee not to exceed 15% of my Homestay rate.

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**Moves, Departure Date Changes, and Refunds** - Regarding departure date extensions and holdovers - I understand and agree that I am required to notify IHA of any change of departure date from my application or agreed upon date with IHA. I further understand and agree that if I want to extend my stay in an IHA hosts home, I must request this within one (1) week of departure to IHA. I further understand and agree that IHA hosts cannot approve or grant extensions or change contract terms with me directly and that changes must be submitted and approved by IHA. If IHA approves an extension or holdover, I agree to pay IHA the prorated or full monthly amount contracted for. Regarding time away from host's home - I understand and agree that I must continue to pay my regular monthly homestay fee on time, if I am away for periods of time for trips to home country, traveling, excursions, etc.

Regarding early move out dates - I will be refunded homestay fee if I notify the IHA Homestay Coordinator two (2) weeks in advance of my intended move out date. I further understand and agree that a refund will be prorated based on remaining days of the contract (days divided by monthly Homestay fee). I also understand and agree that if I give less than two (2) weeks notice, my Homestay fee is non-refundable. Additionally I understand and agree that one-time placement fees are not refundable

Regarding move requests - I understand and agree that a request to move to another host home will require a two (2) week notice and approval of IHA and I will be charged an administrative charge of \$100.00 USD. The only exception is an emergency that requires an immediate move and IHA reserves the right to make the determination whether it is an emergency or not.

**Host Rules** - I understand and agree that as a guest of my host, I will treat my host with courtesy and respect, abide by the rules of my host's home and replace or pay for any damaged property.

**Contract Duration** - I understand and agree that I will stay with the Homestay program offered by IHA during my entire contract period unless otherwise discussed and accepted by the Homestay Coordinator. I understand and agree that International Homestay America, LLC (IHA) will make every effort to match me with a host that is compatible with my preferences; but cannot guarantee a match of all preferences.

HOMESTAY APPLICANT AGREEMENT - Signature Required		
<i>I understand, agree and accept all of the terms and conditions of this agreement and that all of the information I provided on this application is true and correct.</i>		
x _____	_____	_____
Signature <i>(do not type)</i>	Date	Printed or Typed Name
	Required	

- This is a contract and a signature is required**
- You can take a picture of this page then e-mail it to us or
  - You can sign then fax this page to us or
  - You can sign then scan this page then e-mail it to us

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**How did you find out about International Homestay America (IHA)?**

**Internet**

- Name of Website(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Keyword(s)/Search Terms Entered \_\_\_\_\_
- Name of Search Engine Used \_\_\_\_\_

**Friends, relatives or business associates**

*Please provide as much information below so that we can properly thank them for referring you to us.*

*Mr / Mrs. / Ms. (circle one)*

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** *(write in)* \_\_\_\_\_

**We love referrals - Do you know someone you want us to contact about IHA Homestay?**

**Friend in home country** \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
*(without Homestay or interested in Homestay in another location)*

**Friend in U.S.** \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
*(without Homestay or interested in Homestay in another location)*

**Relative in home country** \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
*(without Homestay or interested in Homestay in another location)*

**Relative in U.S.** \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
*(without Homestay or interested in Homestay in another location)*

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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