



**PERSONAL BACKGROUND:**

Do you have any medical concerns, allergies or disabilities?

 Yes  No*If yes, please explain:*

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*(Please attach a separate paper if you require more space).*

Do you require a special diet?

 Yes  No*If yes please specify. (e.g.: vegetarian)*

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*Note: We cannot guarantee that your homestay family will be able to accommodate a special diet. Students with a special diet may be required to assist in meal preparation.*

Food preferences:

I like: \_\_\_\_\_

I dislike: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your interests, hobbies, favourite activities or sports:

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Do you smoke?

 Yes  No**Note:** It is illegal for minors to possess alcohol and/or tobacco. Students who have not yet quit smoking must do so prior to joining our program.

Do you play a musical instrument?

 Yes  No*If yes please specify. (e.g.: piano)*

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Religion:

 Buddhist Christian Muslim None Other

If other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly attend religious services?

 Yes  No



**The Following Questions are to assist your host family in knowing more about your background. Please answer as best as you can.**

How long have you been studying English? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever traveled or lived outside of your home country?  Yes  No  
*If yes, where and for how long?*

On average how much time do you spend traveling to school? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you travel by bus, train, subway, car or bicycle or do you walk from home?  
Please explain:

What is your long-term goal for the future? (e.g.: for work)

How many hours a week do you usually spend on a computer? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours a week do you usually watch TV? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you help with household chores at home?  Yes  No  
*If yes, what chores do you do?*

How would you describe your personality? *Check all that apply*

- Independent  Energetic  Hardworking  Outgoing  Friendly  
 Quiet  Athletic  Casual  Serious  Social  
 Studious  Shy

Please write below any comments that you think are applicable to the choice of your host family.

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**HOST FAMILY PLACEMENT INFORMATION:****FAMILY TYPE:**

(You may number your choices in order of preference.)

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young       | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Family with children    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Aged | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple        | <input type="checkbox"/> Family without children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Older       |  |  |

**PETS:**

Do you have an allergy to an animal?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list here:

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Please list any pets that you absolutely cannot live with in the same house:

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*Note: Students should be aware that by stating they do not like a particular pet they may be excluding themselves from a homestay family which meets their other preferences.*

**SMOKING:**

- Non-smoking family preferred
- I am a non-smoker, but a smoking family is acceptable
- No preference

**FAMILY INVOLVMENT:**

Using the scale 1 to 5, please indicate the level of interaction you would like to have with your host family.

Example: "5" indicates daily conversation and involvement in activities and so on.  
"1" indicates little conversation and no interest in participating in activities.

Little involvement    1    2    3    4    5    Very Involved

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*I understand the above information will be used to assist the Homestay Manager with matching me with a homestay family. However, I understand that the Homestay Manager cannot guarantee that the chosen homestay family will meet the all of my requests. I authorize the New Westminister School District to share the information collected in this application with potential host families.*

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Student Signature

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Date (month / day / year)

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Parent Signature

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Date (month / day / year)



## TERMS THAT APPLY WHEN PARTICIPATING IN HOMESTAY PROGRAM

1. As a participant in the School District's International Program Homestay option, the terms and conditions set out in this part will apply.
2. Students may expect to be welcomed into the home with the spirit that they are new members of the Host Family. They will be invited to partake in family outings and other activities. They must be provided with reasonable use of the house and amenities. The term "reasonable" means that the visiting student should enjoy the same privileges and opportunities enjoyed by the Host Family's own children of similar age. In short, they will be treated like a member of the extended family.
3. The student is not responsible for purchasing their own linens, blankets, towels, etc.
4. The use of family toiletry articles, such as shampoo, soap, etc., is open to students, but, if they have special requests or needs in this area, they must pay for these themselves.
5. The student is responsible for all of their own mobile phone costs.
6. The use of the family television, Internet, stereo and other such household items is under the control of the Host Parents. If it should become apparent that the student should be spending more time on study (as reflected in school marks, comments), use of these items may be restricted by the Host Parents.
7. The student will be provided basic Internet access at no cost, subject to reasonable limits on data usage.
8. The student will be provided with a key to the house. This key must be kept securely. Loss may incur the cost of rekeying applicable exit doors of the home at the student's expense.
9. The student will have access to laundry facilities.
10. The student understands that s/he is ultimately responsible for all of his/her own personal entertainment costs and personal supplies, including school stationary supplies.



11. The Host Family will provide a clean, orderly, pleasant and safe living environment for the student. The student will have a private bedroom with natural sunlight, a desk, chair, dresser, closet, night table, lamp, and bed. The Host Family will not enter the student's bedroom without consent except in emergency circumstances, where there are concerns over the health or welfare of the student or when the student is not present. The student will not enter the bedrooms of any Host Family members without permission.
12. The student will have access to a private or shared bathroom that is clean and hygienic with adequate fixtures that are in good repair.
13. The Host Family will provide the student with written house rules.
14. The primary language spoken in the Host Family home will be English.
15. The Host Family is not responsible for housing the student's visiting family members (if any) during the course of the year unless otherwise agreed. The student will not invite visitors/friends into the home to visit or study unless given specific permission to do so by Host Family. The student will never have visitors/friends stay overnight in their bedroom or elsewhere without prior permission from the Host Family and Homestay Manager. The student will not stay overnight other than in the Host Family home without prior permission from the Host Parents and the Homestay Manager.
16. The student will share the same responsibilities to the Host Parents and to the general household as those held by the family's own children of similar age. The student agrees to follow all house rules regarding behaviour, curfews, attendance at meals, etc. and to occasionally share in the performance of household duties normally undertaken by the household's own children. Students will not be expected to babysit for the Host Family or take on any work that would not comply with federal and provincial laws or district rules.
17. The student understands that the Host Family will provide guidance and supervision to the student consistent with that which would be provided by a careful and prudent parent.
18. The School District may at any time change the Homestay arrangements, including, without limitation, moving the student to a different Host Family.
19. Fees for participation in the Homestay program are as set out in the attached schedule.



## ATTACHMENTS

To complete your homestay application, please attach the following documentation:

1. A collection of photos showing you and your family members, friends, pets, school clubs and so on.
2. Any required medical information (This is strictly confidential).
3. A student letter of introduction to the host family. Please do not include requests in this letter. Requests should be in the main part of the application. Your letter of introduction should include the following:
  - Why you are interested in studying in another country.
  - Your future goals and ambitions
  - Your hobbies and interests
  - Any other comments you would like to include (except requests)
4. Letter of introduction to the host family from the student's parents (optional).



## GUIDELINES FOR HOMESTAY FEES

The following guidelines are to assist you with the homestay fees policy and to avoid misunderstandings. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

1. Application Fee  
The application fee for the homestay program is \$300.00 for a semester and \$500 for a full year or longer.  
The Homestay Manager will begin to search for a suitable host family when the fee has been paid.
2. Nightly Fee  
When a student arrives to begin the semester or vacates at the end of the semester on a date other than the first of a month or last day of the month, the fee of \$30.00 per night will be applied to these dates.
3. Airport Pick-Up Fee  
There is an airport pick-up fee of \$50.00. Students are to pay this fee directly to their host family. It is recommended that students pay this fee together with their \$30.00 per night fee for nights when first arriving in the host home.
4. Monthly Fee  
The monthly fee is \$900.00 per month.  
The monthly fee does not change from September to May regardless of whether the student is absent for holidays or returning home early. Students ending the semester in June and not staying the full month can pay the nightly fee for the month of June.
5. Monthly Fee Payment Process  
Students can pay this fee in the following ways:
  - (A) The student may pay their host family in cash, by cheque, or by e-transfer.
  - (B) The student can arrange with their host family to have the monthly payment wired-transferred to the host family account.
  - (C) Students may have arranged through their representative to have their monthly payments distributed to the host family through the school district.**ONLY pay your host family one month of homestay fees at a time.**
6. Summer Time Fee Structure
  - Long-term students taking classes during the entire summer are required to pay the normal monthly fee.
  - Students who are taking summer classes but returning home before August 15<sup>th</sup> are required to pay one half of the monthly fee for August (\$450). Students staying past the 15<sup>th</sup> of August are required to pay the full monthly amount (\$900).
  - Students who are returning home at the end of June but returning to Canada at the beginning of September to resume school may be asked to pay \$200.00 for the months of July and August for a total of \$400.00.



