

# HOMESTAY

**Living with a family will help you make new friends, learn about Canadian culture, and improve your English. We recommend homestay for most new students.**

## Our Families

Our International Student Coordinator carefully selects families who enjoy meeting students from other parts of the world. Your homestay family will provide you with three meals a day, a private room, and a warm welcome.

You will have the chance to practice and improve your English skills with family members. Your homestay family will help you to become comfortable in your new community.

## Our Students

We try to match our students and our homestay families as closely as we can. It is important for you to give us as much information as you can about yourself and about the kind of homestay experience you hope to have in Canada.

While we cannot guarantee to provide a perfect placement, we will do our best to place you in a home where you will be happy.

Our International Student Coordinator checks all homestay placements regularly. We provide assistance and support if needed.

## To Apply for Homestay

Complete the *Application for Homestay* form and return it with your *Application for Admission* form. Please include a short letter of introduction for your homestay family and three pictures.

We must receive your homestay application form, along with the \$100 homestay application fee, at least two months before the Semester begins.

You will receive detailed information about your homestay family approximately one month before the semester begins.

Your homestay family will meet you at the Castlegar airport when you arrive.

## Homestay Fees

### Initial Payments

- \$100 homestay placement fee
- first month's homestay payment \$550

### Following Payment

- subsequent homestay fees of \$550 per month are payable directly to your homestay family by you.

If you have any questions about your homestay application, please contact:

**Ms. Philomena Archambault**  
**International Student Coordinator**  
**Selkirk College**  
**301 Frank Beinder Way**  
**Castlegar, British Columbia V1N 3J1**  
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Please return this form with 3 pictures, a letter of introduction for your host family and the \$100 homestay application fee at least two months before the Semester begins

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Applied for Fall  Winter  Spring  Summer

Sex M  F  Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

What name would you like to be called \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

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

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Do you live by yourself? \_\_\_\_\_ Or with your family? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the members of your family

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

Name of your most recent school \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your most recent full-time employer \_\_\_\_\_

Full time  Part time  Dates worked \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your educational goals \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your interests, sports, and hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play any musical instruments? Yes  No

If yes, please indicate the instrument(s) you play \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, disabilities? Yes  No

If yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a special diet? Yes  No

Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like children? Yes  No

Do you smoke? Yes  No

Would you stay with a family who smokes? Yes  No

Will you have a car during your stay in Castlegar? Yes  No

What kind of homestay family placement would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Although Selkirk College cannot guarantee a perfect placement, we will do our best to place you in a home where you will be happy. Students who apply for homestay are expected to stay with their host family for one full semester, (in the Fall and Winter a semester is 3-1/2 months, and in the Spring it is three months.) Students who wish to stay longer may do so. If there are any problems, the International Student Coordinator will meet with the student and the family to discuss the problem and try to find a solution.

1. By making this application, I understand that I am expected to stay with the host family for one full semester (three and one half months in the Fall or Winter and three months in the Spring.)
2. I understand that the first month's homestay payment of \$550 must be paid to Selkirk College no later than one month before my arrival. I agree to pay \$550 to my family each month on the monthly anniversary of the date that I arrive.
3. I agree to get medical insurance when I arrive.
4. I understand that my personal belongings will **not** be covered by my host family's insurance and that I should obtain my own personal insurance.
5. I understand that if I decide to leave after the first semester I must give my host family written notice 30 days before leaving.
6. I agree to pay for any damages or outstanding expenses, such as telephone bills, before I leave my host family.
7. I give permission to Selkirk College to give the first page of this application to the host family as part of my personal profile.

I have read and understand this Homestay Application Form and I agree to the conditions described above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Application Fee of \$100.00 must be enclosed with this form.**

Application Fee of \$100 enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ payment may be made by cheque, bank draft, money order, or credit card

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following information:

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

I authorize Selkirk College to take \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my account.

Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application form with 3 pictures, a letter of introduction for your host family, and the \$100 homestay application fee to:

**International Education Department, Selkirk College  
301 Frank Beinder Way  
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