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Homestay Handbook

Important information for International students and Host Families participating in Selkirk College's Homestay Program.

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Information for Host Families

Welcome

Welcome to the world of hosting international students! Students spend part of their day at college, but a larger portion will be spent with you in your home. In your home students will experience what Canadians do every day, exchange opinions and share values. We all learn by watching, but it is by speaking and doing that we understand. Please make it a priority to talk to your students and get them involved.

In the beginning, students experience a period of adjustment. Many have not been away from their families before, and may initially feel shy and awkward in your home. They may feel homesick and miss their families; furthermore, the daily routine in your home may be very different from what students have experienced in their own cultures. Please be patient. It will help, especially with beginner level English students, to speak slowly and clearly (not loudly). You may find yourself repeating things more than once. Remember that your student is learning many new things and is doing his or her best to fit into your home.

The Experience of Studying Abroad

Understanding the International Student Experience

It is not surprising that people who enter a new and foreign culture often experience a shock that temporarily destabilizes them, and makes them quite anxious. Initially, however, you may mistake simple "jet lag" and initial stress as deeper adjustment problems. Remember that the student will be tired from the time zone differences, from listening intently, and from translating and speaking in a foreign language at all times. Give them time to adjust.

Culture Shock

Most students will experience culture shock at various times and to varying degrees during their stay with you. The student will probably go through various "ups and downs" in adjustment, this is normal. If not addressed, serious experiences of culture shock or more serious adjustment problems can result in:

- depression, fatigue and withdrawal
- irregular or changed sleeping and eating patterns
- psychosomatic ailments
- generalized anxiety, discomfort or homesickness
- fearing for safety
- excessive concern for hygiene

If you suspect your student is suffering from mild or moderate culture shock, assure him/her that this feeling is a **natural reaction to their new environment**. Encourage him/her to phone home if he/she hasn't already done so. Often **simply showing your concern and letting them know this reaction is normal is enough to comfort them.**

It is important to know that cultural adjustment is a long-term process, and culture shock can be on-going to some degree. It is not a one-time occurrence. **If your student does not seem to be adjusting well, and remains unhappy, please let us know.**

After a student has been here a semester or two, they often move out with their friends to private accommodation. This is natural and is only an indication that you have done an **outstanding job of**

assisting the student in adjusting to Canadian culture. Please do not feel you have failed in your hosting duties if your student decides to move.

Hosting a Student

Homestay is an opportunity for people of different languages and cultures to live together and learn together. Having a foreign student in your home can be fun and rewarding for you and your family. **It takes time, energy, patience and a willingness to share your life. The remuneration doesn't cover all these needs. That is why we call it "homestay" and not "room and board".**

You shouldn't host students for monetary reasons alone; it doesn't work. Students are very perceptive and if you are hosting primarily for the income your student brings, the atmosphere you create will interfere with the intended homestay experience. Also, the College cannot guarantee that a student will be placed with you each time you ask for one or that there will be a replacement for you if your student doesn't work out. This means hosting students cannot and should not be relied upon as a consistent source of income.

There are many differences, both cultural and personal, among our students and host families. Both groups are asked to always remember:

Treat others as you wish to be treated.

Remember that different cultures and languages are neither right nor wrong – just different.

The Goals of Homestay

1. To provide the student with a warm and friendly family environment; a home away from home.
2. To allow the student to learn about Canadian culture, lifestyle, and family life.
3. To allow the student to practice English in a supportive, informal, English language home.
4. To assist with the student's adjustment to Canadian culture.
5. To give younger students guidance in a disciplined, yet caring domestic situation.
6. To allow Canadian families the opportunity to meet, live with, and learn from international students.

Arrival

Arrival is generally nerve-wracking for both students and host families, but there are some things you can do that will make it easier for you and your student. ***Remember, as nervous as you are, your student is likely more nervous than you.***

To do before arrival:

- Hang a banner with your student's name on it at your house to welcome them to their new home.
- Leave a card on their bed, signed by all the members of your family welcoming them to your home.
- Get a small gift or token to give to your student to mark your first meeting. This is a common custom in many cultures around the world. Good gift ideas include:
  - Flowers,
  - A small Canadian flag
  - A pin from your city
  - Chocolates or a local specialty food item

  These items are small and inexpensive but they mean a lot to your student. Try contacting city hall and the offices of elected officials (MPs or MLAs) for pins and flags; these are often free.
- Examine your routines and habits to prepare for orienting your student to your home once they arrive.

You may be greeted by a student that breaks down in tears. This is nothing to worry about, your student has waited a long time to meet you and this emotional release is to be expected. Expect even more tears when your student leaves.

To do upon arrival at your home:

1. Show them which room is theirs. Do this immediately. Remember that this room will be your student's private area and your whole family must respect this. From this moment on, you should all get in the habit of knocking first.
2. Introduce any family members that have not been introduced. You may have exchanged emails and photos with your student in advance of their arrival so they may already know who everyone is. If you want your student to call you by your first name, let them know.

Orientation to your home is very important but should be kept to a minimum at this time. Show them the essentials that they may need for their first evening, such as the bathroom, but ***save the larger orientation and routines for the next day.*** Offer them something to eat or to take a bath or shower. Let them relax and get accustomed to their new home.

Orientation to your Home

Neither the student nor the host family should be a servant of the other

Follow these steps to orient your student to your home. Introducing your student to your family's routines and rules will ensure everyone lives in harmony. You should treat your students as you would any other member of your family.

While doing your orientation, remember one simple rule. **BE DIRECT**. If you do not want something done, tell them! Ensure your student understands what is being explained to them. Have your student repeat procedures after you have given them an example. Ask if they understand.

1. Give them a tour of tour home.

- Show your student each room in the house, point out different items in each room, how they work, and if they can use them. **Do not take anything for granted**.
- ***Kitchen:*** demonstrate how to use common items such as the stove, oven, and microwave.
- ***Living room:*** show them how to turn on the television or stereo. If there is something you would not like them to use, tell them.

- ***Bathroom***: show them how the toilet flushes and how to turn on the shower. Make sure you also tell them that when they take a shower that *the shower curtain must be on the inside of the bath-tub.* Although this sounds obvious, in some countries, people shower in an open room with the water running into a drain. There have been times when an alarmed host has found water dripping from the entire bathroom because their student did not know better. If you have a large family sharing one bathroom, it is important that you set some restrictions on the time spent in the bathroom.
- ***Bedroom:*** Let your student know that they are expected to keep their room tidy. If you want them to make their bed you may have to teach them how to do it. If you want to clean their room for them, check that it is ok with your student and remember to ask permission to enter their room each time. Remember that neither of you are to be a servant of the other.
- ***Chores:*** let them know how they can help out around the house; make sure you use your discretion so they are not doing more than their share.

Many students enjoy helping with household chores, it helps them feel like a part of the family.

2. **Let your student know what routines need to be followed.**
   - If you want them to take their shoes off at the door, tell them.
   - If laundry is done on certain days, tell them which days. Show them where they can put their laundry. Some students may prefer to wash their own "personal" garments such as underwear. If so, ensure that they know how to operate the washer and dryer.
   - Tell them ***what time meals will be served.*** Tell them that they can help themselves to food at any time especially if they have missed a meal.

Before your student arrives, it is a good idea to examine closely all the routines your family follows and create a list so you do not forget to tell your student anything.

3. **Give them their own house key.** You should also write your address and telephone number on a piece of paper that they can keep in their wallet or purse.

4. **Discuss communication and let your student know they can and should talk to you if anything is wrong or they have a problem, no matter how big or small it is.**

   Perhaps the most important area to be covered during orientation is to stress the importance of **communication**. You each need to consider the needs of the other and act considerately. For example, if you are supposed to pick up your student at 4:30 and can't make it until 5:00 on a particular day, remember to let your student know. You should also expect your student to tell you if they will be staying late at school.

A thorough and clear orientation will ensure a successful hosting experience!

Suggested Guidelines for Families

You may want to go over the following with your student when they arrive:

Smoking

- Where is it allowed?

Entertaining Friends

- Do you need to be notified before student invites friends over?
- Where students should entertain friends?
- Is there a limit on how many can come?
- What time should they leave in the evening?
- Are overnight guests allowed?
- If you are away for a weekend, are friends allowed to visit? How many? Is cooking for a group OK?
- Are they allowed to have friends of the opposite sex in their bedroom?

Food

- If they miss a meal should they notify you?
- Is it OK to cook between meals?
- Is it OK to bring friends for dinner?
- Where should food be eaten (OK in the living room/ bedroom?)
- Should student clean up after snacks, etc.?

Telephone

- Local calls, is there a time limit on phone use?
- Deadline for incoming calls in the evening – 11 pm – 12 midnight OK?

Internet

- Do you have internet use rules?

Laundry

- Where should student leave laundry and how often is laundry done?
- Should the student to do their own laundry?

Night Time

- Is there a specific time you want music to be turned down and no noise?

Showers or Baths

- Is there a specific time your student should use the shower, and is there a limit to shower time?
- Leave bathroom clean, no water on floor, etc.

Lights

- Should lights be turned off if room is not in use

General

- When friends are visiting, ask them to please knock and wait until the door is opened before entering
- Help with light chores would be appreciated.
- Homestay fee should be paid on time.

Tips for Families – Activity Suggestions

Go beyond family dinners to find creative ways for families to practice English with students. Here are a few suggestions to try:

Get the student to call for pizza for a Friday night treat. They could also be responsible for ordering movie tickets or making reservations for a family outing.

Try playing a board game? A simple idea that's full of new vocabulary and fun for all. Monopoly or Clue are good ones to try.

Song lyrics can sometimes be hard to sort out, even if English is your first language. Sit down with your student and try to work through their favorite songs. This might be a good activity for students to try with teenage family members, so they can get to know each other better.

Get involved in something for the first time together. Volunteer work, fitness classes, art lessons – anything that is new for both the family member and the student so that you can make your mistakes together. Not only will it create a whole lot of conversation between student and family, it will also get your students involved in your community, using lots of new English skills!

Get them to help out with cooking or chores the whole family participates in like light yard work. Many students enjoy learning how to cook or sharing recipes from their culture. If you are open to working with a sous chef this can be a fun way to spend time together.

You could see if they are interested in helping out with younger children's homework in subjects like Math or Sciences where numbers and formulas are a common language. Many students have completed degrees in their home countries.

Encourage them to participate in community events and offer to take them to local attractions like museums to learn about the community.

Take your student on trips and include them on family outings. Show them the things that the area is known for.

A great way to combat culture shock is by getting out and being active. Invite your student to participate on any activities you do, even if it is just as simple as going for a walk in the park in the evening.

Information for Students and Host Families

Responsibilities of the Host Family

1. Welcome the student and introduce the customs of your home. Discuss the student's responsibilities at the beginning of the stay.

2. Provide breakfast, a packed lunch and a sit-down dinner each day. Students can prepare their own breakfast and lunches if you wish, but you must provide them with easy self-serve breakfast and lunch options. Make sure meals are provided for your student if you are going to be away.

3. Provide a single room with a bed, desk, study lamp, dresser, closet, a window that can be opened and clean linen (bedding and towels). Provide heating in the student's room to the comfort level of the student. Provide bathroom necessities such as toilet paper, students will provide their own toiletries such as shampoo and soap. Provide laundry facilities and detergent.

4. Allow the student appropriate use of the telephone, TV, and DVD player and explain their proper use.

5. Assist the student in adjusting to Canadian culture, including assistance with bus information, banking, etc.

6. Take the time to talk to your student and include the student in family activities if the student wishes. Some students will participate more actively than others and you will find some are more independent, some are shyer and some are more outgoing.

7. Provide an English-only speaking environment in your home in order to improve your student's English. Encourage your student to speak English only.

8. Respect the rights, privacy and culture of the student, including religious, political and personal beliefs and practices, **and avoid making comparisons with or talking about former students.**

9. Give the student a house key and show him/her which door to use. Ensure the student knows how to lock the door in case he/she is the last one to leave or the last one to come home.

10. Include the student in activities in the evenings and on weekends.

11. Check your household insurance policy to ensure there are no limitations regarding hosting students.

12. Inform the International Student Coordinator if and when the student moves out, when the student is absent for a long period of time, or when problems arise that cannot be resolved between host and student. The Coordinator is here to help both you and the student.

13. Give 30 days notice to the college and to the student if a student must be relocated for personal family reasons.

Responsibilities of the Student

1. Live with your homestay family until the end of the semester unless there are exceptional circumstances.

2. Make your homestay payment to your family each month on the same date as the date you arrived.

3. Give thirty days written notice to your family if you are planning to leave at the end of a semester. This notice must be given to your family ***on or before*** the day of your homestay payment.

4. Treat your homestay family and their home with courtesy and consideration.

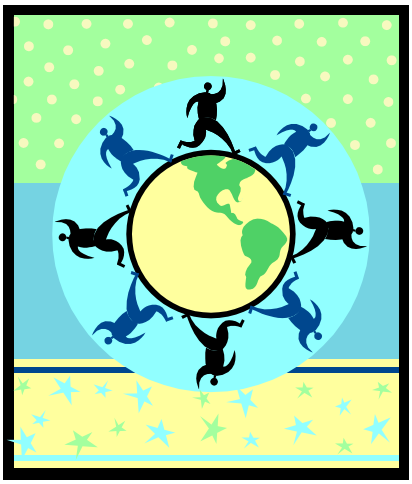
5. Respect the house rules and customs of the family. (Notify your host family by 4:00 pm or earlier if you are not going to be home for dinner.)

6. Remember that you are expected to participate as a member of the family while living in homestay.

7. Take responsibility for insuring your own personal belongings.

8. Provide your own personal toiletries – shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

9. Take responsibility for repairing or replacing any homestay property you damage.



Terms & Conditions for Homestay Students & Families

Students who apply for homestay are expected to stay with their host family for one full semester. 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. Please note the following terms and conditions.

Monthly Homestay Payments

- The first month's payment will be made in advance by the student to the College. The College will issue a cheque to the host family for the first month only. After that, the student is responsible for making all succeeding payments directly to the host family.
- Payment is due on the same date as arrival for each following month. For example, if the student arrives on August 26, the next payment will be due on September 26. If the student arrives on January 4, the next payment will be due on February 4.

Moving Out

Students are expected to stay with the homestay family for a minimum of one full semester. If the student wishes to move at the end of a semester, he/she must give the family written notice 30 days before the date of departure. This notice is to be given on or before the day the monthly homestay payment is made and delivered to the homestay family.

Absences from Homestay

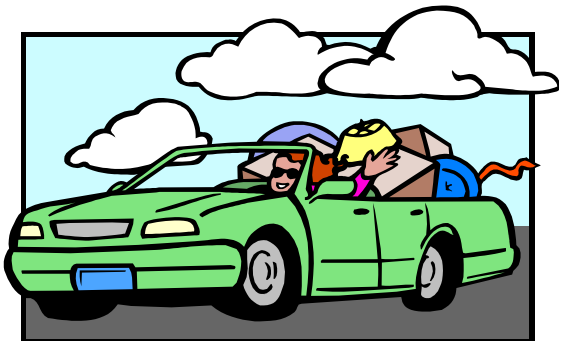
Students who are going to be away from their homestay should discuss their absences with their family in advance. Students planning to be away when payment of the homestay fee becomes due must pay before the period of absence begins.

Other Expenses

You may wish to include your student in activities or outings during their stay in Castlegar. If you suggests eating a meal in a restaurant and do not provide your student with the option to eat a meal at home (ie. leftovers), you should pay for your student's meal at the restaurant. However, if you give them the option to eat at home, and the student decides to join the family for the restaurant meal, the student will be expected to pay for their meal.

If you go on a trip with student, you can ask your student to pay for some meals and their share of hotel or other travel expenses. Please make sure it is clear before you leave home.

Host families are not expected to pay for activities such as concerts, movies, sports events and skiing.



Homestay Absence Policy

Revised March 19, 2014

Students who will be away from their homestay for any period of time from the beginning of September until the end of July must pay the full monthly homestay fee each month regardless of any absences.

If students are absent from their homestays for the full month of August, host families should not charge students for this month. Students must inform their homestay of their plans to be away in August by July 1st. Furthermore, if the homestay family wants to use the student's room to host company in August they can do so, but this should be explained to the student ahead of time so that the room can be prepared.

Students will pay $30 per day (up to a maximum of $700 per month) if they remain in their homestay for less than the full month in the last month of their stay with the homestay or in August if they are absent for the rest of the month.

Students who leave in April and want to return to their homestay in September must pay the September payment in April to hold their room. ***This amount is non-refundable unless students tell their homestay they no longer want to return in September before July 15th.*** If another student is found to replace the one who will not be returning, the deposit will be returned.

Students that vacate in April should leave their room in good condition so that it can be used by company if needed during their absence. No fee should be charged for storing luggage if students are returning to the same homestay in September.

Homestay Guidelines for Students

Customs of Canadian Families
There are so many differences among Canadian Families. Ask your homestay host to explain his/her own customs and schedules to you. Tell him/her about your likes and dislikes. If you have a problem, talk to your homestay host or International Student Coordinator.

Speaking English
Students must try to speak English at all times. Your English will improve more quickly if you do not speak your own language very often. Canadians think it is not polite to speak another language in their presence.

Homestay Fee
The Homestay Fee that you will pay your homestay host must be paid each month on the date you first arrived in the homestay. PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE. Homestay payment is $700.00 per month. For example, if you arrived on August 26th you will pay on the 26th of each month.

Other Expenses, Restaurants and Trips
Your host family may wish to include you in activities or outings during your stay in Castlegar. If your host suggests eating a meal in a restaurant and does not provide you with another option for that meal you should not have to pay for your meal. However, if there is an option to eat a meal at home, and you decide to join the family for a meal in a restaurant you will be expected to pay for your meal.

If you go on a trip with your host family, you may have to pay for some meals and your share of hotel or other travel expenses.

Your homestay host will not pay for activities such as concerts, movies, sports events and skiing.

Homes
Host families are interested in people from other cultures. They may be older people, single parents, people with young children, teenagers or have no children at all. The homes can be large or small; houses or apartments. Some students will have large bedrooms, some smaller. It is impossible to have the same situation for every student. Some students will have breakfast prepared for them, some will have to make their own. Every situation is different.

However, all students will have a private bedroom with a bed, dresser, desk, or table, chair and lamp. Students will receive food for three meals a day. A homestay placement is for four months. The homestay host and students should discuss the living arrangement at the end of three months.

Helping with the Household Tasks
In a home where there is a younger student, for example 18 or 19 years old with a mature student 30, 40 or 50 years old, the mature student cannot expect the younger student to be his or her servant. We are in Canada, we are all students, we are all treated equally.

Your bedroom is your responsibility. You must make your bed and clean your room. You are expected to help the family with daily chores, such as setting or clearing the table, taking the garbage outside etc., even if the host does not ask. If you see that something needs to be done…do it.

Privacy
Your bedroom is your own private place. No one will go into your room unless you give your permission. People will knock if your door is closed.

Entertaining in Bedroom

It is the custom in Canada to entertain friends in a family room or living room, not in the bedroom. There are to be no friends of the opposite sex in your bedroom.

Meals
You will be provided with food for three meals each day. You should make your own breakfast and your own lunch to take to the college.

Always be on time for dinner. If you are going to arrive late or will not be coming home to eat, tell your homestay host as early as possible.

Your homestay host will not cook special food for you. You may not like Canadian food at first but you will get used to it. Tell your host if you are allergic to any food. Most homestay hosts would be delighted if you occasionally cook a special meal from your own country for the family. Remember to thank your host family for your meals and when you enjoy a meal, let them know.

In Canada it is it is polite to eat quietly with your mouth closed. It is considered rude to eat with your mouth open and to make slurping or other noises while eating.

Bathroom
Do not take long showers and use too much hot water. You should ask your host family how long would be reasonable for your shower. Remember that other members of the family must use the bathroom too. You must buy your own toothpaste, soap, mouthwash, shampoo, etc. Please do not use your host family's shampoo, soap, hair spray, etc.

Teeth
In Canada, people brush their teeth after each meal and use mouthwash frequently. This helps prevent tooth decay and makes your breath smell nice.

Laundry
Your host family may do your laundry or you may have to do your own. Ask your host family to show you how to use the washer and dryer.

Keys
Your host family will give you a key for the house. Make sure you lock the door when you go out.

Lights
Always turn off the lights when you leave a room (bedroom or other room in the house) if you are the only one who was in the room or last person to leave it. If you are the last person to leave the house make sure that all the lights are off.

Telephone
Local telephone calls should be short. Tell your friends not to phone you late at night. Ask your host family for permission to make a long distance phone calls and call collect or use a calling card or phone card.

Cellular/ Mobile Telephones
It may be possible to use a cell phone from your home country in Canada by purchasing a Canadian SIM card. Check with your cell phone service provider if it will work in Canada. You can also purchase a Canadian cell phone, many companies have "pay-as-you-go" plans that do not require you to sign a long term contract. It is your responsibility to pay for all cell phone expenses.

Internet

Most host families will have an internet connection you can use to access the internet on your laptop. Students are free to use College computers from 7 am until 10 pm. Castlegar's public library also has a computer with internet that you can use.

Pets
Almost all Canadians have a pet dog or cat, some may have both. These animals usually live indoors and are treated as members of the family. Be kind to your homestay's pets. If you do not like animals, do not worry, usually they will not bother you.

Friends Visiting
Please ask your host family if it is okay to have friends visit. Make sure they do not stay for meals. Your host family is not expected to cook for extra people, so please make sure your friends leave before dinner starts.

Some host families do not allow friends to sleep over. Please be understanding if this is the case and do not get upset with your family. Always remember that you and your friends must speak English.

Special Favours and Special Meals
You may request your host do a favour for you or ask that they cook a special meal for you. Make sure that you respect what they have done for you and show your appreciation for these things by saying, "Thank You". Let your host family know how much you enjoy meals every day and thank them for the things they do for you every day.

Respect your Host's Home
Respect your host's home as if it were your own. Take off your shoes when you come in the door and hang up your jacket in the closet. Put your belongings away in your room, for example your backpack and books. Show respect for their home by treating their belongings with care. Keep your room clean and tidy. If you damage something, tell your host family and replace or fix the damaged item.

Weekends Alone
If your host family go away and leave you in the home for the weekend, you must follow the rules set by them before they leave. Those rules may include no friends visiting, making sure the house is kept clean or other rules.

Visits Away from your Homestay
Please remember to leave the telephone number of where you will be when you go out. If your return is going to be delayed, please call your homestay host to let them know. It is better to call very late at night than not to phone at all, as they may worry about you.

Holidays
Students who will be away from their homestay for any period of time from the beginning of September until the end of July must pay the full monthly homestay fee each month regardless of any absences.

If you are absent from your homestay for the full month of August, your host family will not charge students for this month. You must inform your host family of your plans to be away in August by July 1st. You should tidy your room and put away personal belongings before you go so your host family can use your room for guests while you are away.

Leaving your Homestay
You have made a commitment to stay in your homestay placement for one full semester. If you want to move at the end of the semester you must give them 30 days notice of your plans to move out.

Giving Notice

You must tell your homestay host on the day you pay your homestay fee that you intend to move the following semesters. This is called giving notice. You must give 30 days notice.

Your homestay host has been approved by the International Education Department and has looked forward to your arrival.

Partial months and short term stays

If you want to stay with your homestay for a few days or weeks longer after the date you should move out at the end of your last full month, you can request to stay longer and pay $30 per day for each additional day.

Welcome to Your New Home!

Host family Agreement

Selkirk College will make every effort to match a host family with the most appropriate student. However, Selkirk College cannot guarantee a perfect match or that the placement will meet all the requirements or expectations of the host family and the student.

The host family program does not fall under the Residential Tenancy Act. Although students are advised to give families thirty days' notice when they are planning to leave, Selkirk College cannot guarantee this.

1. We/I agree to provide a welcoming and secure home to our/my assigned student.

2. We/I understand that the College will pay the first month's homestay payment on behalf of the student. We/I understand that if there are any questions about the first month's payment we/I will contact the College before asking the student.

3. In following months, we/I will collect the homestay fee on the monthly anniversary of the day the student arrived.

4. We/I agree that Selkirk College is not responsible for any conduct of the student assigned to our/my home, nor is Selkirk College liable for any expenses incurred by the student.

5. Selkirk College reserves the right to move the student without advance notice if the placement is unsatisfactory.

6. If our/my student behaves inappropriately in our/my home, or violates any household rules or the Selkirk College Homestay Agreement, we/I reserve the right to ask the student to leave.

7. Selkirk College will provide assistance to resolve any differences between us/me and our/my student in a fair and non-judgmental manner. We/I agree to accept the decision of Selkirk College regarding settlement of disputes, compensation for damages, return of residual homestay payment, or any other issues.

8. We/ I agree to give 30 days notice to the College and to the student if a student must be relocated for personal family reasons.

We/I agree to abide by the above Selkirk College Homestay Agreement as a condition of participating in the Selkirk College Homestay program. We/I have read and understand the Accommodation/Homestay information and agree to carry out our/my responsibilities as stated.

Signature of Host Applicant	*Signature of Spouse/Partner*
*Name **(Please Print)***	*Date*

Student Agreement

(This is a part of the homestay application form)

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 $700 must be paid to Selkirk College no later than one month before my arrival. I agree to pay $700 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.
8. I have read and understand this Homestay Application Form and I agree to the conditions described above.

NAME: _____ Date: _____