



First Initial(s) Last Name

Homestay Application

Students & Professionals

Please complete all information to help us meet your needs and match you with a homestay 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 _____

Home Country Address *(include House/Building, Street or Section, Subdivision, Precinct, City, Province, Country, etc.)*

U.S. Address *(if already in U.S.)*

Home Phone _____
(include country and city code)

Mobile Phone _____
For Emergency Purposes (include country and city code)

email Addresses *(to receive email attachments)*
Please print clearly

(alternate email addresses #1)

(alternate email addresses #2)

University/College or Business *(Home Country)*
 Current Previous

(name)

(address)

(address)

(address)

Major *(Field of Study) - Home University/College*
(ie. Education, History, Architecture, Natural Science, etc.)

Educational Level *(Completed)*
 2-Year College Bachelors Degree
 Masters Degree Doctorate
 Other _____

English Level
 Beginner Intermediate Advanced

University/College or Business *(U.S.)*
Name and address of U.S. university, college, or business.

(name)

(address)

(address)

(address)

Have you enrolled at your U.S. University/College?
 Yes *(If Yes, what is your class schedule)*

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

U.S. Visa Type _____
(example: F-1, M-1, J-1, etc.)

(Usually the date your flight arrives)

Number of months you will stay in Homestay? *Required*
Number of months you will stay in the U.S.? *Required*
Date you want begin Homestay? *Required*

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Emergency Contacts

U.S. Contact Person _____
Relationship _____ *(Example: uncle, aunt, brother, sister, friend, etc.)*
Telephone _____ *(Please include area code)*
email _____ Fax _____

Comments _____

Arrival Information

Please complete the appropriate method of travel

Are you already in the U.S. No Yes If Yes, _____
(date you arrived in the U.S) *(current address)*



Air Travel

AM
 PM

_____ *Arrival Date* _____ *Arrival Time* _____ *Airline Name* _____ *Flight #* _____ *From (City)*

Arrival Airport *(check one)* San Francisco (SFO) Oakland (OAK) Sacramento (SMF)

Comments _____



Train Travel

AM
 PM

_____ *Arrival Date* _____ *Arrival Time* _____ *Train #* _____ *Train Name* _____ *From (City)*

Comments _____



Bus Travel

AM
 PM

_____ *Arrival Date* _____ *Arrival Time* _____ *Bus #* _____ *Bus Name* _____ *From (City)*

Comments _____

Other Travel

Comments _____

Pickup Service



Pickup Service - IHA offers safe and very affordable pickup service. Would you like for IHA to pick you up?

- Yes, *(select pickup location below)* No *(indicate transportation method, arrival date, and expected arrival time at hosts home.)*
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Amtrak *(indicate station name)* _____
 - Sacramento International Airport (SMF) Greyhound *(indicate station name)* _____
 - Oakland International Airport (OAK) Other _____

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About You - *continued*
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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 _____

Have you been ever been in homestay? Yes No *(If yes explain where and how long)*

Travel – Other than in homestay, have you traveled to any other countries? Yes No

(If yes, 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) _____

Children – Is it OK if the host has young children or babies? Yes No

Health – Do you have health concerns or issues such as allergies, pregnancy, etc.?

- Yes No *(If yes, please explain below.)* _____

Do you or will you take any medications? Yes No *(If yes, list medication)* _____

Do you have health insurance? Yes *(Please bring English copy of insurance card/certificate.)*

No *(Do you plan on purchasing health insurance?)* Yes No

Smoking – Do you currently smoke? *(Be honest)* Yes No *(Please be honest)* Do you plan to smoke? Yes No

Can you live with other smokers? Yes No

Food – Your host will provide food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals. This will be food that Americans eat.

This will be different from food that you normally eat. Your host is not required to provide or cook food from your country. Yes, I understand and accept this. No, I don't understand and don't want homestay.

Do you have food restrictions *(foods that you do not eat because of health, religion, etc.)* Yes No *(If yes, provide details.)*

Religion – What is your religion _____ Is it OK that the host's religion is different? Yes No

Personality – I consider myself... *(check all that apply and make your selections thoughtfully – for example,*

'Outgoing' and 'Reserved' are the opposite personality traits of each other.)

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventurous | <input type="checkbox"/> Easygoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Inventive | <input type="checkbox"/> Outspoken | <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cautious | <input type="checkbox"/> Energetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Modest | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerful | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> Neat/Tidy | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Shy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curious | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun | <input type="checkbox"/> Optimistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Serious | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depressed | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociable | _____ |

You & Your Family – Please describe your immediate family including parents, number of brothers and sisters, pets, and about your interests, hobbies, profession, etc. *(attach additional pages if necessary)*

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Communication & Transportation

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Communication Tools

We strongly urge you to bring or purchase, while in the U.S. *Your host is not required to provide these.*
(Please choose the best statement for you)

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

Text Messaging and Voicemail capabilities on mobile phones, is widely used in America. These features give you and your host the ability to leave a message and text each other. If you do not have or know about these features, please learn more at <http://www.wikipedia.org/>

Proximity & Transportation

Most homestay hosts live close to your school or business. In America, this is considered to be a 30-45 minute commute, using public transit. America is very spread out and locations may not be as close as in your country.

If you plan to drive while you are in the U.S., we suggest that you bring an international driver license or obtain an international driver license before you leave your country. Obtaining a U.S. driver license may take several months.

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

- Public Transit – Bus and Rail
- Automobile (also 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 _____

Monthly Homestay Services Rates

	Greater Sacramento Area	Greater Berkeley Area	Greater San Francisco Area
Private Room	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
*Shared Room	\$575.00	\$657.00	\$657.00

All IHA homestays include three (3) meals

*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.

One-time Housing Placement Fee

I understand and agree to pay the on-time, **non-refundable**, housing placement fee that applies to my homestay city and pay within two (2) weeks before my arrival by bank wire in U.S. (USD) funds.

Greater Sacramento Area	Greater Berkeley Area	Greater San Francisco Area
\$275.00	\$315.00	\$315.00

Homestay Services and Housing Placement Fees

I understand and agree that I must pay for homestay services rate that applies to my homestay city. I also understand and agree that IHA rates are based on four (4) week intervals that are calculated based on my arrival date. I further understand that my initial payment will include:

- Prorated (partial) monthly homestay services fee for arrival month.
- Homestay services fee for one full month.
- One-time housing placement fee.
- Only if Applicable - Expedited placement fee and/or late payment fee

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Homestay Applicant Agreement

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Payment Deadline, Expedited Placement Fee, Late Fee

- I understand and agree that I will pay my regular monthly payment before or on last day of every month. *(Example: pay your July homestay fees no later than June 30)*
- I also understand and agree that I will pay my first payment, before I am placed into homestay, before or on the the invoice 'Due Date'.
- I understand and agree that a \$50.00 USD late fee will be charged and/or assessed to me for any late payment including first payment, regular monthly payment, or any payment after that.
- I also understand and agree that a \$50.00 USD expedited placement fee may be charged to me if my requested homestay start date is within two (2) weeks of the date my application and/or payment is received.

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, minus wire fees.

Regarding emergency cancellations before arrival, I understand and agree that I can cancel Homestay services and receive a full refund, minus the wire, expedited placement, and late fees, if I notify IHA on or before one (1) week prior to my scheduled arrival date. I further understand and agree that if notice is given less one (1) week prior to my scheduled arrival date, I will be charged a cancellation fee not to exceed 15% of my Homestay Services Rate.

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 requiring an immediate move and IHA will make this determination.

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 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. I understand and agree that if I do not fulfill my contract obligation I may be charged an administrative charge of \$100.00 USD.

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Must be handwritten

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