

HOST FAMILY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Do I have to pay for all the student's expenses?

You will receive a stipend of \$760/month for general expenses for the student (including groceries, basic household items, and toiletries). Students will have their own spending money for things like personal entertainment and shopping.



What about technology? What if our family has different rules than what the student is used to?

The student will probably have their own cell phone but will be asked to follow the host family rules (i.e. cell phone placement at night, limited hours, etc.).



Will the student expect me to serve them, clean up after them, etc.?

You are expected to treat your student like a member of the family. Please put them on the chore list, ask them to clean up after themselves and follow house rules. They should be an active participant in your family and household life.



Will I have to drive them to extra events and extracurriculars?

Many students have a desire to come to the U.S. in high school and be involved in extracurriculars. We encourage this but also encourage host families to help students find rides from other students or other parents. Many host families find a community willing and ready to help international students get to the events they need to get to.



Do I need a separate room and/or bathroom for my student?

The student can share rooms with a child of the same gender as long as they have a their own bed. They do not need a separate bathroom.



Can I host even if I don't have students the same age?

Absolutely. It's often a positive, enriching experience for students to have siblings significantly younger, even babies, or to be in a home where the children are grown. They benefit from your love and care no matter the stage of life of your family.



What if my family has a vacation or getaway when the student is with us?

That is great. You have two options. You can bring the student with you; they would enjoy a new experience wherever you are headed. Or, you can work with the International Student Director as well as their friend network to find a family willing to take them for the time you are gone. This can include Christmas and Spring Break. We do not require your family to take the student over extended school breaks. If preferred, we will help you find a temporary place for them.



How long is the commitment?

Depending on the student, we ask host parents to commit to a year or the duration of the stay (whichever is less). So if a student is only coming for a semester, it would be a semester. If a student hopes to stay for more than a year, we will reevaluate the situation yearly.