



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS**  
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**SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (SSALI)**

**Program Information**

International Student Placements (ISP) coordinates host home placements for international students wishing to experience the American way of life and build cross-cultural friendships. ISP has placed thousands of international students with host families. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that you have a positive homestay experience. Students who are flexible and open-minded about adapting to new environments will be the most successful in this program.

Hosts are personally interviewed in their homes, screened, and selected for the program. Host homes are typically located within a 5-7 mile radius of the campus. Students must be prepared to take the bus to school for at least 60 minutes. Our goal is to get every student placed as close as possible to school. Hosts are a variety of ages and can be families with children, single adults, single parents, couples without children, or retired people.

**Application Procedure:**

- Application & Photograph: Complete the attached application and include a recent, smiling photograph
- Placement Fee: Remit payment for the placement fee, airport pickup fee (if requested), deposit, and late fee (if applicable). The payment may be made in the form of a money order, visa or master card, or a personal check payable to International Student Placements. The placement fee is non-refundable.

**Program Fees:**

- Application fee: \$375
- Monthly rent: \$1,000 (private bedroom, breakfast and dinner) \$825 (private bedroom, no meals)

**Submitting Application:**

You may scan and email, fax, or mail your application to:

International Student Placements

199 First Street, Suite #305

Los Altos, CA 94022 USA

[Admin@isphomestays.com](mailto:Admin@isphomestays.com) 650-948-1105 (fax)



**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS**  
**COLLEGE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Attach recent photo here (smiling)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name (family name) First Name

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
 (US citizens under 18 must apply for the ISP guardianship program)

Country of Permanent Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Permanent Address:
Street:
Country, Zip code:
Telephone Number (with country code)/WhatsApp/WeChat:
Email:

Agent? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Agency Name:
Agency Contact Person:
Street:
Country, Zip code :
Telephone Number (with country code):
Email:

In Case of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (person must speak English) Name Relationship Cell phone Email

School you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name City & State

Length of homestay:  2 months  3 months  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date that I need to arrive at my host home: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your English level?  High  Medium  Low Do you smoke?  Yes  No  
 (there is a no-smoking policy in all host homes.)

Please select a meal option:  2 meals per day (breakfast & dinner)  No meals

Do you have any food restrictions? If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like children?  Yes  No

Are you allergic to animals?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate which: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (80% of American households have pets. You will restrict your host family placement options by saying no to animals.)

Will you have a car?  Yes  No Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have specific needs for your host home, please explain:  
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Please describe your hobbies and interests:

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Please describe your family:

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Have you traveled abroad before? If yes, where?

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**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Are you in good health?  Yes  No

If no, please explain:

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Do you have dietary restrictions/allergies?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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Do you take medication?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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Have you been under the care of a psychiatrist and/or counselor in the past 5 years?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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**AIRPORT INFORMATION**

*Please note: ISP does not provide airport pickup service for the Sonoma County region.  
Please contact an ISP representative for other transfer options.*

**Flight Information:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

International

Domestic

Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_  AM  PM

Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_





## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I agree to and understand each point.

Check All

1. **ISP payments:** ISP will charge the placement fee, deposit, late fee, and airport pick up fee to my credit card when I apply. All fees are non-refundable. Applications are not processed until my fees have been received. If I apply within 21 days of my arrival, my late fee is \$75. If I apply within 7 days of my arrival, my late fee is \$100.
2. **Contract Period.** I agree to stay with my host family for my entire contract period that I selected on page 1. I may extend my contract with the consent of my host family. I agree to give both my host and ISP 30 days notice prior to moving out. If I do not give notice, I understand that I must pay rent for that month.
3. **Breach of Contract:** If I break my contract, I understand I will lose my deposit. If I choose to leave my host home prior to the end of my contract, I agree to pay rent for the remainder of the contract period.
4. **Host Payments. I will pay my host on the day I arrive.** If my rent is not paid on time each month, I must leave my host home immediately and ISP will not offer me a new host family. I will only pay rent to my host one month at a time. I agree to have my rent and/or any damage I cause to my host home charged to my credit card on file with ISP if I fail to pay my host. I understand that ISP does not get involved in rent disputes between host families and students. I will pay my host either on the same date every month (ex: May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>) or I will pay the remainder of the month when I arrive and the first of every month after (ex: May 10-31, June 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>). I understand ISP monthly rent fees may raise during my stay and I must pay the rent increase if I choose to stay.
5. **Service Fees (Southern California Students).** I understand that ISP will be charging my credit card \$70 for every month that I am in homestay. I understand that if the credit card is declined or returned as invalid, I must take the proper steps so that ISP can charge this fee. There is a \$100 fee for each denied or invalid charge. I understand that in order for ISP to stop charging the monthly service fee, I must inform the ISP office by email 30 days prior to my departure. If I fail to give a 30 days notice, I will still be charged for the following month.
6. **Deposit.** In order for me to get my \$100 deposit back, I must leave my bedroom and bathroom in good condition, give my host a 30 days notice, return my house key to my host, and complete the ISP exit survey. I understand I must request to have my deposit returned by sending ISP an email within 60 days of departure. I will read the deposit information sheet that was emailed to me when I applied. Deposit refund checks are sent only within the United States.
7. **Meals.** If I choose the meal option, my host will provide breakfast and dinner every night. Hosts will **prepare** dinner at least five nights per week. I will make my own meals on nights when dinner is not prepared. I will discuss my food preferences with my host. I understand that lunches and snacks are not included in my rent and that I am responsible for paying for my lunch. I understand that breakfast is only a grab and go continental breakfast. If I sign up for no meals, I will be permitted to prepare only light meals in my host's kitchen. I can switch my meal plan after arrival **with my host's consent only.** If I have strict dietary needs, I will purchase my own food.
8. **Student Guidelines.** I will read and understand the ISP Student FAQ sheet that will be emailed to me when I'm accepted to the ISP program. My guests and family members will not stay overnight in my host's home. If I violate this, even if I received permission from my host, I will be asked to leave the ISP program. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing and no fees will be refunded.
9. **Airport Pickup.** I understand that my airport pick-up fee is non-refundable. If my parents accompany me, they must pay the fee in advance of arrival and make their own hotel reservations. I understand that traffic may delay ISP Airport drivers. If I am under 18 years old, I will NOT fly as an unaccompanied minor as ISP is not able to sign for me at the airport.
10. **Transportation.** Transportation to and from school is not included in my homestay program. The bus ride to my school will take between 40-60 minutes each way. If I have applied within 7 days of my arrival the bus ride to my school may take 40-75 minutes each way. If I am attending TMCC, my transportation will be 75 minutes each way.
11. **Host Possessions.** I agree to take good care of my host family's possessions, and to be financially responsible for the costs of any repairs associated with breakage or loss. I agree to clean my bedroom and bathroom once per week. If I fail to clean, my host has the right to charge me an extra fee.
12. **Rules.** If I break any of my host family's or ISP rules and/or if it's decided that I am not an appropriate match for a homestay program, ISP will not provide me with alternative housing and will not refund any rent or fees paid.
13. **Prohibited Activities.** I will not engage in any illegal activities, including the use of drugs or alcohol (the use of alcohol & tobacco is illegal in the US for people under the age of 21). Excessive alcohol consumption for students over the age of 21, theft, abuse of property, verbal or physical abuse, impolite language or behavior will result in ISP termination. I will stay informed of all laws in the US and I will abide by them. I will not smoke cigarettes, vape, or smoke marijuana inside or outside my host home even for medical necessity. If I violate these rules, I will be asked to leave my host family's home. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing. I will forfeit any paid rent and ISP will not refund any fees that were paid. ISP will take me to a local hotel for which I will be responsible for payment.

14. **Medical.** I certify that I am physically and medically able to participate in the program and have no physical or mental condition that would make my participation in the program unsafe or dangerous to others or myself. I certify that I have been seen by a healthcare provider within the last year and that I have completed the medical portion of this application truthfully. I have disclosed to ISP all allergies, medications I am taking, and past/current health issues.
  
15. **Request for Host change.** If I have problems with my host family **within** my contract period, ISP will assist me to resolve the issue. ISP will have the final authority to decide if a host move is needed. The placement fee is valid for my original placement, and there may be an additional placement fee for requesting to move to another host. If the host family has to cancel hosting during my original contract period or if the host has altered the original homestay agreement or is unable to provide a safe living arrangement, ISP will make a second placement at no charge.
  
16. **Media release.** I hereby grant to ISP and its representatives the right and permission, with respect to photographs, videos, or any media taken of me and with respect to any printed matter in connection therewith to include them in any advertising, publicity, and promotion thereof.
  
17. **Warranties.** I warrant that the information provided on my application is true and correct, I am not a sex offender, and I have not been convicted of any crimes. I authorize ISP, it's employees, coordinators, and host family, to consent to any x-ray examinations, anesthetic, medical, or surgical treatment, or emergency hospital care on my behalf.
  
18. **Consent.** I agree that ISP, it's employees, coordinators, and assigned host family can take any action whatsoever with regard to my safety, including authorizing medical attention at an urgent care center, without incurring any liability or expense.
  
19. **Limitation of Liability.** IN NO EVENT SHALL ISP HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY STUDENT FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, HOWEVER CAUSED, AND UNDER ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER OR NOT ISP HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. FURTHER, ISP SHALL NOT BE NAMED AS A PARTY, CALLED AS A WITNESS, OR SERVED DISCOVERY REQUESTS IN ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN STUDENTS AND HOSTS REGARDING THE FINANCIAL OR INTERPERSONAL DEALINGS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND HOSTS.
  
20. **Indemnification/Governing Law.** I understand that hosts are not ISP's employees or agents, and that ISP has no constructive control of hosts' behavior. I understand that the information provided by ISP about my host family is not a perfect predictor of how my host family will act in the future and that the background and safety of my host is not guaranteed. It is voluntary for me to participate in trips and activities with my host family and ISP does not require my participation. I understand that ISP cannot control or guarantee the behavior of host families now or in the future. I assume all risks associated with injury or loss arising from my participation in the ISP program and I release ISP of any liability for any claim of injury, death, property damage, or other loss.
  
21. **Governing Law.** The parties agree to solve any dispute and resolution of the terms and conditions using mediation service in Santa Clara County using the American Arbitration Association before using any other means to solve the dispute.

Student and Parent (for students under 18 years old) certify to having read the Terms and Conditions and agrees to be bound hereto. Each party warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform under this Agreement and that the person signing this Agreement on behalf of such party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute this Agreement. Student and Parent either comprehend English and/or have had an interpreter to explain this document and its contents in its entirety. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed. Student and Parent acknowledge that student possesses the maturity and psychological readiness necessary for an overseas homestay program.

I acknowledge that my child is under the age of 18, and that I, not the host family, nor ISP will be held responsible for our child's actions while he/she lives in the United States. I agree to pay the full amount for any and all damages in the homestay for which my child is responsible, regardless of whether the damages were accidental. I agree to hold harmless and release all liabilities of ISP, and the host family chosen for my child, including all claims against ISP and the host family for any injury, loss, damages, accident, delay or expense resulting from participation in the homestay program. I hereby acknowledge, accept, and agree to the above named Terms and Conditions.

**STUDENT:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT (if Student is under 18):**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_