



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL HOMESTAY PLACEMENT APPLICATION

Background

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 local hosts in California and Hawaii. We take pride in offering you a quality homestay program that will provide you with an excellent family and support during your stay. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that you have a positive homestay experience.

High School Information

This program is for students who have obtained an I-20 from a high school on their own and would only like a homestay placement. Typically, ISP places students within 3-5 miles of their high schools with families that have knowledge of the high school program. ISP places high school students in both Northern and Southern California.

It is important that students research their high school of choice and are well informed of the school's enrollment policies and academic curriculum. Students should contact the high school's admissions office directly for any questions concerning issue of an I-20, admissions criteria for international students, and academic requirements.

Host Family Information

Living with host families provides international students with the opportunity to improve their English language skills and experience local customs. Hosts are personally interviewed in their home, screened and selected for the program. Host homes are located within a reasonable distance to the student's school. Hosts are a variety of ages and can be families with children, single adults, single parents, couples without children, or retired people. In addition, hosts come from a variety of ethnic backgrounds that represent the diversity of the U.S. Hosts provide students with a private bedroom and three meals per day. The high school program is a ten-month program commencing in August and ending in June. Students must vacate their host home for summer vacation.

ISP tries to match your background, interests and family life to those of a compatible host family. We also take into account any specific requests that you have but cannot guarantee them in a placement. We are always available to assist you with any problems that may arise during your homestay.

Placement

Late applications may delay the placement process. You will receive your homestay placement information approximately four weeks before arrival. Upon receipt of your host family profile, you should contact your host family to confirm your arrival date.

ISP High School Coordinator

ISP's high school coordinator works closely with the students to be sure that their academic studies and homestay experiences are successful. Three times per year the ISP high school coordinator will personally meet with students and their host families and write a report that is sent to the student's family and overseas agent.

Guardianship

High school students must have a local guardian available to make medical and emergency decisions on behalf of the student. ISP may serve as the student's guardian for the academic year. Please request the guardianship application from the ISP Main Office.

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Services

ISP provides the following services to international students:

- Selection, matching and placement of the student with a host family.
- Host information letter prior to arrival.
- Assistance with student adjustment to the host home via telephone, email and personal meetings.
- Progress evaluations written by the ISP coordinator three times throughout the academic year.

Application Procedure

- Due Date: Your application is due no later than six weeks before your scheduled arrival in the U.S.
- Application & Photograph: Complete the attached application and include a recent, smiling photograph.

Fee	Amount	Payment
ISP homestay placement fee	\$300 for Christian High School in San Diego \$500 for all others	Check, money order, or credit card authorization payable to ISP
Monthly homestay fee	\$790 for Christian High School in San Diego \$990 for all others	Credit card authorization to be kept on file. ISP will charge your credit card each month to pay your host family on your behalf. Students may pay the monthly rent at the time of application for ten months in advance.
Airport pickup fee	\$100-\$140 (fee depends on site)	Check, money order, or credit card authorization payable to ISP
Guardianship Service	\$900	Check or money order paid with placement fee.

Refunds

The ISP homestay placement fee is non-refundable, including if your visa is denied by the U.S. consulate.

Mailing Address

Your completed application and all fees should be sent to our main office:

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Attach recent
photo here
(smiling)

Name: _____
Family/Surname First Name

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female
Month / Day / Year

Date of Arrival: _____ Passport #: _____

Country of Permanent Residence: _____

Your Permanent Address:	Agent Name & Address (if any):
Permanent Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:
Fax Number:	Fax Number:
Email:	Email:

Parent(s) Name(s):	
Emergency Telephone Number(s):	Email(s):

Guardianship Information:	
I will use ISP's Guardianship Program <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If no, please provide the following information:	
Name of Approved Guardian:	Telephone Number:
Address:	Mobile Phone Number:

High school you will attend: _____
Name City & State

What is your English level? ☐ High ☐ Medium ☐ Low

Medical insurance company: _____ Policy number: _____

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

Do you smoke? ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you agree not to smoke in or around your host home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you like children and would you like to have them in your host home? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Doesn't matter

Are you allergic/afraid of animals? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please indicate which: _____

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If you have specific needs for your host home, please write them below:

Please describe your hobbies and interests (examples: cooking, sports, etc.):

Have you traveled abroad before? If so, list place and duration:

Please describe your family:

Please write a greeting to your host(s):

Medical Information

The following information must be completed by the parent if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

Please describe any current medical problems including emotional difficulties and serious allergies (animals, food, medicine) and any physical limitations. It is very important to be honest particularly if you have been under the care of a counselor or psychiatrist.

Please list all medications that are currently being prescribed. Failure to list medications accurately can effect homestay placement.

Medication: _____ Frequency: _____

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I verify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the host family and/or ISP to act as my representative to authorize emergency medical/dental treatment for my son/daughter. I understand that the ISP assigned host family is not assuming legal guardianship of my son/daughter.

STUDENT:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____

PARENT:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____

AIRPORT PICKUP FORM

Accept/decline airport pickup service:

☐ Yes, I would like an ISP driver. Number of people: _____ ☐ No, I decline an ISP driver.

Flight Information:

Date: _____ Airport: _____ ☐ International ☐ Domestic

Airline: _____ Flight #: _____ Arrival Time: _____

Drop-off Information:

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Drop-off Information:

Host family name: _____ Host family phone: _____

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Student Name: _____
Family/Surname First Name

Cardholder Name: _____
Family/Surname First Name

Cardholder Email: _____

Cardholder Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip Code Country

Type	Name on Credit Card	Credit Card Number	3-Digit Security/Validation Code	Expiration Date
<input type="radio"/> Visa <input type="radio"/> MasterCard			(This is the three-digit number following the credit card number printed on the back of your card)	

I authorize International Student Placements (ISP) to charge the following fees to my credit card:

- ☐ \$500 application fee (\$300 for Christian High School in San Diego)
- ☐ \$50 late fee (if application is received within 21 days before arrival)
- ☐ \$990 monthly homestay fee (\$790 for Christian High School in San Diego)
- ☐ airport pickup fee

STUDENT:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____

CARDHOLDER (if other than Student):

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AGREEMENT

By initialing below, I agree and understand each point.

STUDENT'S
INITIALS
and
PARENT'S
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1. Time Commitment. I understand and agree that ISP requires a minimum 10-month contract. If I choose to leave my host's home prior to the end of my contract, I agree to pay rent for the remainder of the contract period. If I leave my high school before my ten month contract expires, I remain obligated to pay for the remainder of my contract and no paid fees will be refunded. _____
2. Notice to Move Out. I agree to give both my host and ISP 30 days' notice prior to moving out. If I fail to do so, I may be asked to pay additional rent and/or ISP fees. _____
3. Meals. Dinners will be prepared and ready for me to eat from Monday through Thursday. I am encouraged to prepare my own meals on Fridays through Sundays, on which days my host has been asked to provide food that I may cook or prepare myself (this may include sandwiches, salads, or pizza, among other things). Breakfast and lunch items will also be available seven days a week. Upon arrival, I will try to discuss my food preferences with my host. I understand that snacks are not included in my rent. I will be permitted to prepare only light meals in my host's kitchen. I cannot change my meal plan after my arrival. _____
4. Rent Payments. ISP will remit my monthly rent to my host family. I will pay for extra for telephone, internet, and snack foods. _____
5. Internet Connection. Not all hosts can provide Internet access. If I ask to share my host's existing DSL or cable Internet connection, I agree to pay for a portion of the monthly fee. This amount may be \$10-\$25. However, if my host does not have a DSL or cable Internet connection and I choose to get one, then I will be solely responsible for the entire installation cost and monthly fees. _____
6. School Transportation. Transportation to and from school is not included in my homestay program. I should not expect my host to drop me off or pick me up from school, although he/she may offer to do so and I may accept such an offer. I understand that ISP cannot accommodate requests for a homestay that is walking distance to my school. By initialing here, I am indicating my understanding that the bus ride to my school may take 30 minutes to an hour. For some high schools, public transportation is not available. In this case, I will need to pay an extra fee for school provided bus transportation or a private car service. _____
7. Airport Pickup. I have completed the airport pickup form with my application to ensure my reservation. _____
8. Cultural Diversity. America is a rich melting pot of people from many cultures and countries. I understand that my host family most likely will not be Caucasian. _____
9. Host Family Program. I acknowledge that I am applying for a host family homestay program. I accept that there is no perfect host family and agree to do my best to integrate with my host family's life. I understand that I will be considered a family member rather than merely a tenant. Accordingly, my bedroom door will have a lock on the inside but not the outside. I understand that I will be required to do my own laundry, clean my bedroom and help my host with normal household chores. _____
10. Guests. I agree not to allow any guests or family members to stay overnight in my host's home. If I violate this provision, even if I directly requested permission from my host prior to my arrival, I will be asked to leave the ISP program and must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing. _____
11. Curfew. My host has the right to set a reasonable curfew for me. In addition, if I am under 18 years old, I will abide by the curfew laws of the city where I am residing. _____
12. Hosts' 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 my negligence. _____
13. Fire Hazards. I understand that portable heaters and electric blankets are not permitted in my host's home. _____
14. House Rules. If I break any of my host family's house rules, they have the right to terminate the housing agreement at any time and ask me to leave their home, and I must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing and will not refund any fees paid. _____

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15. Prohibited Activities. I will not engage in any illegal activities, including but not limited to the use of drugs or alcohol. I will not smoke in or outside of my host family's home. If I violate these rules, I will be asked to leave my host family's home and must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing. I will forfeit any paid rent and ISP will not refund any fees paid. _____
16. New Placements. If I have problems with my host family within my contract period, ISP will change my homestay placement one time. I understand that a \$100 fee may be imposed. If my host asks me to leave their home after my contract period has ended, I will need to reapply for a placement and repay the full ISP placement fee. _____
17. Visa Denial. I understand that my placement fee is non-refundable even if my visa is denied. _____
18. Credit Card Declines. If my credit card is declined, I am responsible for a \$100 service fee for each decline. _____
19. False Information. If ISP discovers that I provided false information on my application, ISP will cancel my homestay placement and will not refund any fees paid. _____
20. 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 crime. _____
21. 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 DEALINGS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND HOSTS. By initialing here, I understand this. _____
22. Indemnification. 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. I understand that ISP cannot control or guarantee the behavior of host families. I assume all risks associated with injury or loss arising from my host family's behavior. I release ISP of any liability for any claim of injury, death, property damage, or other loss. I will not institute a claim against ISP and will release and hold ISP forever harmless for any and all claims arising from my host family's behavior. _____
23. Governing Law. The parties agree to file any dispute regarding this Agreement in Santa Clara County, California Superior Court, and that any case will be determined using California law. _____

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Student certifies to having read this Agreement 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. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed.

STUDENT:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____

PARENT:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Date: _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS, LLC

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____