

HOMESTAY APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

Host Parents:

Home address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Father:	Mother:
First Name:	First Name:
Last Name:	Last Name:
Occupation:	Occupation:
Work Telephone:	Work Telephone:
Work Fax:	Work Fax:
Email:	Email:
Cell Phone:	Cell Phone:

Children/Other Family Members

a) Please list the details for each person currently living in the home:

First & Last Name	M/F	Birth Date	Living at Home

- b) Who will be the main companion(s) for the student(s) during their stay?
- c) If you don't have a child at home during the stay, will your student have opportunities to meet other children?
- d) Will there be any other visitors, including international students from other programs, staying in your home during the stay?
- e) Will any members of the family be absent at any time during the stay?

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Home

- a) Please describe your home and the surrounding area.
- b) What style of home do you live in?
- Detached
 - Bungalow
 - Townhouse
 - Farm
 - Apartment
 - Semi-detached
- c) Number of bedrooms in the house?
- d) Number of bathrooms in the house?
- e) Name of local schools (Elementary & High School).
- f) Is your house a smoking household?
- g) Do you have a religious affiliation? If yes, please describe.
- Does your family attend a religious ceremony regularly?
 - Will your student be required to attend with you?

Interests & Activities

<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography
<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Drawing
<input type="checkbox"/> Movies	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Skiing
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> Concerts	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Collecting	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Video Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball
<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	

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Pets

Do you have any pets? If yes, please list.

- Dog (Please list name, breed and indoor/outdoor) _____
- Cat (Please list name and indoor/outdoor) _____
- Other (Please list what it is) _____

Other

- a) How did you hear about our program?
- b) Why do you want to be a host family for an international student?
- c) What aspects of your family life/community/area are you looking forward to sharing with an international student?
- d) Can anyone in your family converse in another language? If yes, please list which language.
- e) A few students may have dietary restrictions for health or religious reasons (vegetarian, allergies, etc.) Would your family be able to accommodate these requests?
- f) If your student will be spending any time (overnight) during the visit at a different address, please indicate dates and the complete address and phone number of the other address. This applies if your family will be away for an extended period of time, not if the student will be sleeping over at a friend's house.

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References

Please list 2 references that know your family very well. School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) will be the only people contacting your references.

Name:	Address:
Phone Number:	
Relationship:	
Name:	Address:
Phone Number:	
Relationship:	

CRIMINAL RECORD REPORTS:

Applicants who have been interviewed and are approved to host international students, must agree to provide a criminal records search for all persons 19 years or older living in the home. There is a fee for this service, payable by the School District.

Applicants or their family members who have committed an offence relating to the care of minors, or an offence of a sexual nature against any person or an offence involving the use of alcohol or drugs, violence or the sale of drugs, may be disqualified. Applicants who have been charged or convicted of an offense under the criminal code of Canada may also be disqualified.

Students will not be placed with host family applicants until an acceptable criminal records search has been received by the Homestay Coordinator for the Nicola-Similkameen School District.

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HOST FAMILY DECLARATION: *(to be completed and signed by all individuals 19 years or older)*

I confirm that I, and anyone residing in my home, have never committed, nor been convicted of:

- an offence related to the care of minors
- an offence of a sexual nature against any person
- an offence involving violence
- an offence involving the sale or use of alcohol or drugs

I confirm that I, and anyone residing in my home have never had a child apprehended by the Ministry of Children and Families.

I further agree that I and anyone residing in my home will notify the Nicola-Similkameen School District within 7 days if I or anyone residing in my home is charged with any offence, following the completion of my Criminal Records Search.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Commitment

The members of our family all wish to host an international student and we are committed to fulfilling the role of host family as discussed in the meeting with the homestay coordinator.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The Board of Education of School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) invites International Students into District Schools to encourage intercultural and international understanding.

The Homestay Program is organized to provide visiting students with the security of a family, a cultural education in a home setting and the best possible environment to learn English. The goal should be for all involved (host family and student) to learn from each other and to foster friendship.

The following are designed to establish the guidelines of the Homestay:

1. With few exceptions, all international students are placed with a homestay family. Students may arrange their own homestays, which must be approved by the District, or if requested, the District will do so.
2. All homestay families should advise their Homeowner Insurance Companies that they will be taking in a boarder (international student) for the homestay period.
3. Homestay parents may be asked to sign a student responsibility form. (Custodianship for student if required by a Canadian embassy).
4. The student will pay homestay fees directly to the homestay family unless otherwise arranged with the School District office.
5. The homestay family provides the student with a "home away from home". The visiting student should be welcomed into the home with the spirit that they are new members of the family. The student will be expected to conform to the normal rules and routines of family life. This will include keeping their own room clean and tidy and may include helping with household chores. Appropriate discipline and supervision consistent with being a responsible parent is provided.
6. Homestay parents provide a separate bedroom, bedding, closet, desk and study lamp. The student has access to the remainder of the house, including laundry facilities.
7. Homestay parents will instruct the student on the legality of seat belt use and bicycle helmet use and provide the international student with these items. Upon arrival of the student, the homestay parents will provide the student with house keys, information on how to use the house alarm and instruct the student on the course of action in the event of a fire, earthquake or other emergency, as well as the procedure for dialing 911 and what such a call entails.

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8. The student is provided with three wholesome Canadian meals each day. In some cases the student may be expected to prepare his/her own breakfast or lunch, but all the groceries are provided by the homestay parents. Students should not prepare any food after 10:00 p.m.
9. Students are expected to pay for their own toiletries and bus fares. If the students are invited to participate in family holidays and/or travel where costs are incurred, they are expected to assist in bearing the costs. When students choose not to participate in the activity, they must accept alternative arrangements made by the homestay parent.
10. Room and board is the major monthly expense incurred by the students. Extra money is not required for food. Other expenses may include clothing, medicine and entertainment.
11. Students may use their own telephone calling card and must pay for all long distance phone calls, as soon as requested by the homestay parents. Students are discouraged from using the telephone after 10:00 p.m., except if it is for emergency reasons. Students should not spend long periods of time on the telephone, as this interferes with necessary study time and opportunities to interact with the host family.
12. Curfews will be the same as for family members or other local children of the same age. It is recommended that students be home by 10:00 p.m. on weeknights and by midnight on weekends. Students are expected to be in bed before 12:00 a.m. because adequate rest is necessary for success in school. If students require a ride home and it is inconvenient for the homestay family to provide the ride, then the students should take a taxi or bus.
13. Students should complete all homework assignments and should be expected to spend a reasonable amount of time per day doing homework.
14. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities at school and in the community. A regular program of physical fitness is recommended.
15. Overnight stays outside of the family home are subject to the prior approval of the homestay family. Out of town travel, which should be very infrequent, is subject to the approval of both the homestay family and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools or designate. The homestay family must have the name, address and phone number of the person(s) the student will be staying with.
16. Students who are 16 years and under will not be left unattended overnight. Adult supervision will be arranged for the student if the homestay parent will be away.

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17. International students are expected to attend all classes on every school day, unless too ill to attend. Lengthy absences from school, will seriously affect the student's ability to pass courses and, ultimately, to graduate.
18. The use of alcohol and drugs is prohibited and may result in the student being sent home. No smoking is allowed in homes unless permitted by the homestay family. In Canada it is illegal for people under 19 years of age to purchase cigarettes and illegal for people under 19 years of age to purchase and consume alcohol.
19. Immigration Canada does not permit visa students to hold jobs in Canada.
20. The District prefers that the students do not own vehicles. They are not necessary for transportation and create an unnecessary worry for homestay parents. There is a Municipal bus system and the homestay parents will provide occasional rides for the student. The students are encouraged to purchase a bicycle. A vehicle is not required.
21. The District strongly discourages boyfriend/girlfriend relationships. They create an unnecessary worry for homestay families, and may interfere with the reasons students are present, that is, to learn English, to do well in school, and to participate in Canadian family life.
22. It is expected that host families will pick their student up at the airport if required. If this is not possible the Assistant Superintendent of Schools or designate should be contacted.
23. If the student or homestay family is not happy with the homestay arrangement, they are to inform the Assistant Superintendent of Schools or designate. Only after mediation will a transfer occur unless there are exceptional circumstances. The guidelines provided are reasonable expectations designed to provide a framework for host family and student relationships to find their own balance and provide a positive experience for all.