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STUDENT HOMESTAY GUIDELINES

Thank you for choosing The Pacific Language and Cultural Exchange for your American cultural experience. While you are here, you have the option of staying with a host family. The choice to live with a host family can be an exciting and enriching experience. In order to ensure your stay is memorable and safe, we ask that you adhere to the following guidelines. It is important that you read them carefully and fully understand them.

- 1) Please keep in mind that every host family is different. They have opened their home to you, and you should respect that.
- 2) Please follow the rules of your host family. The rules are unique to your host family and may be different from other host families.
- 3) Please get permission from your host family before allowing family or friends to stay with you.
- 4) Please pick up after yourself. It is your responsibility.
- 5) Please offer to help around the house.
- 6) It is important to communicate with your host family when coming and going. If you need help communicating with your host family, please contact The PLACE.
- 7) Do not ask your family to drive you to and from school.
- 8) When you go out to eat with your host family, make sure you offer to pay for your meal. It would be nice if you offered to pay for your family's meal at least once.
- 9) Do not expect your family to buy personal items like shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
- 10) Please pay your family the applicable monthly stipend each month on time. You will need to pay **\$810** each month directly to your host family. This stipend covers the cost of a private room, internet service, 3 meals daily, and basic household items, such as cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc. Your stipend payment due date is based upon your arrival date.

For example if you arrive on the 16th of the month, your payments are due on the 16th of each month.

- 11)** If you are going to go on vacation, you need to inform your family one week in advance. If you are gone less than 2 weeks (14 nights), you will pay your host family the total monthly stipend. If you are gone 2 weeks or more, you will pay one half of the monthly stipend.
- 12)** You must give your family 15 days notice before you move out. However, if you believe that an unsafe or hostile environment exists so that you need to move out as soon as possible, please contact The Place immediately so that your concerns may be addressed.
- 13)** Please remember that if you are under 18 years old, it is illegal for you to smoke or use tobacco. Also, you must be at least 21 years old to drink alcohol.
- 14)** Please inform The PLACE one week in advance if you are going to go on vacation. If you are going to move out please provide The PLACE with 15 days advance notice. Also, if you have any problems or questions, please contact The PLACE.
- 15)** You are responsible for your own behavior and are responsible for any and all claims, damages, actions, liability and expenses, including loss of life or personal property resulting from your behavior. For example if you cause damage to your host family's home or personal property you are expected to pay for that damage. It is recommended that all students purchase accident and property insurance.
- 16)** You acknowledge that your host family is not an employee or agent of The PLACE and that the PLACE has no control of your host family's behavior. You assume all risks associated with injury or loss arising from your host family's behavior.

Keep in mind that you are visiting the U.S. as a guest from your country, so act accordingly with good manners and respect, as you would expect of a visitor visiting your country. Please respect the American culture so you can have a positive experience. It is our intent to help you have a pleasant and enjoyable stay in the U.S., so contact us if you have any difficulties.

To expedite the process of entering into this agreement, the Undersigned acknowledges that digital signatures and Transmitted Copies of this agreement will be fully binding and enforceable. "Transmitted Copies" will mean copies that are produced or transmitted via photocopy, facsimile, e-mail or other process of complete and accurate reproduction and transmission.

I, _____, agree to follow the guidelines above and understand that I must stay with my host family for at least 3 months. If I decide to move into an apartment before the expiration of the three-month period, I will compensate my host family for the 3 months.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you are under 18, please have a parent or legal guardian sign below.

I _____ understand that _____ must follow the guidelines above and stay with the assigned host family for at least 3 months. If he/she decides to move before the expiration of the three-month period, I will compensate the host family for the 3 months.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____