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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 at least once.
- 9) Do not expect your family to buy items like shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
- 10) Please pay your family \$625 if you are an adult (18+) or \$675 if you are a minor (under 18) each month on time.
- 11) If you are going to go on vacation, please 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 amount: \$625 for adults and \$675 for minors. If you are gone 2

weeks or more, you will pay half the amount.

- 12) You must give your family 15 days notice before you move out.
- 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 to drink alcohol.
- 14) You are responsible for any damages that you cause while staying with your host family.
- 15) Please inform The PLACE if you are going to go on vacation or if you are going to move out. Also, if you have any problems or questions, please contact The PLACE.

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

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 three months are up, I will compensate my host family \$300.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are under 18, please have a parent sign below.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand that my son/daughter must follow the guidelines above and stay with his/her host family for at least 3 months. If he/she decides to move into an apartment before the three months are up, I will compensate his/her host family \$300.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Liability**

The Pacific Language and Cultural Exchange (The PLACE) and your host family are not responsible for any damages, claims or loss of life or personal property from participating in the homestay program.

**I have read and understood this release and have signed it willingly. I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and competent to execute this agreement.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are under 18, please have a parent sign below.**

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

