

Elgin Community College International Student Homestay Program Homestay Contract

Community College District 509, commonly known as Elgin Community College, (“ECC”) is pleased to offer the International Student Homestay Program to F-1 international students enrolled full-time at ECC in a degree program or the Intensive English Program. This document serves as a supplement to the Student/Host Application and Homestay Agreement forms. The Homestay Contract should be completed in full the first day of the student’s placement in the host family’s home. Both the student and the host family should complete this form together and sign it to certify their understanding of the terms and conditions. Please use the designated space under “Family and House Rules” to discuss shared rules for shared facilities. **A completed and signed copy of the Homestay Contract must be submitted to the Homestay Coordinator no later than 48 hours after the student’s first day in the assigned homestay.**

This is a legally binding contract. Please read this document carefully before signing.

This is an agreement between _____ (full name of student), hereafter referred to as “Student,” and _____ (full name of host family), hereafter referred to as “Host Family.” This agreement is entered into for the establishment of Student residing in Host Family’s home located at _____

for a period of _____ days. Student’s move-in date is _____ (month/day/year) and last day of occupancy is _____ (month/day/year).

Obligations of Student

Monthly Homestay Fee. Student shall pay \$_____ each month in homestay fees directly to Host Family, payable in advance on the first (1st) day of each month.

1. **Security Deposit.** Student agrees to pay a security deposit equal to one month’s homestay fees to the Host Family upon moving in. The security deposit is refundable to Student within 30 to 60 days of Student’s departure from the homestay as long as there are no unpaid bills, no damages to Host Family’s home caused by Student, and Student has provided adequate notice to move out as stipulated in the Student Application and Homestay Agreement.
2. **Vacation Rates.** The vacation rates for homestay are stipulated in the application and agreement materials, and both Student and Host Family agree to abide by these rates.
3. **Respect for Host’s Property.** Student shall at all times respect and use due care to avoid damaging Host Family’s property. Unless otherwise stated in this contract, Student has no right to use Host Family’s property other than bedroom, furniture, bathroom, and shared facilities. Student shall keep both Student’s and Host Family’s property reasonably clean, neat and tidy. Host Family’s permission to use Host Family’s property shall not be construed as permitting Student to allow third persons to use said property.

4. **Utilities.** Student shall not make any calls on Host Family's telephone without the use of a calling card or collect phoning. Student shall use only reasonable amounts of water, electricity, and gas as needed for normal living activities.
5. **Rules of Conduct.** Student at all times shall adhere to the rules and guidelines as stipulated in the Student Application and Homestay Agreement. Student shall adhere to the Elgin Community College Student Code of Conduct while residing in Host Family's home. Student shall at all times adhere to Host Family's reasonable rules including to obtain permission to bring guest into Host Family's home; and to notify Host Family if Student will be late to prepared meals, turn-in time or other standing family events or deadlines.
6. **Termination.** Student may terminate his/her stay at the Host Family home by giving 20 days' written notice to Host Family and the ECC Homestay Coordinator using the form supplied by the College, which is available on the college's website or from the Homestay Coordinator. If Student quits the premises prior to said 20 days, he/she shall forfeit any monies paid as stipulated in the Student Application and Homestay Agreement.

Obligation of Host Family

1. **Dwelling.** During the term hereof, Host Family shall provide Student with a shared or private bedroom and a shared or private bathroom, towels, linens, study desk, sufficient bedroom lighting for studying, use of laundry facilities, use of kitchen facilities, Internet access, two meals per day and other amenities as outlined in the Host Application and Homestay Agreement.
2. **Mutual Respect.** Host Family shall respect Student's privacy and religious needs, and avoid damaging Student's property. Host Family shall refrain from any harassment or other illegal conduct toward Student.
3. **Reporting.** Host Family shall report to the College any unexplained absence by Student and shall report any illegal conduct.
4. **Termination.** Host Family may terminate Student's stay in the homestay for causes as stipulated in the Host Application and Homestay Agreement. Host Family must provide 20 days' written notice to Student and the Homestay Coordinator, along with a refund of any monies due as outlined in the Student/Host Application and Homestay Agreement.

Family and House Rules

In an effort to create a mutually beneficial and harmonious living experience for Host Family and Student, the following rules and guidelines have been discussed and agreed upon by Host Family and Student.

1. Meals and Kitchen Access

2. Laundry Facilities

3. Cleaning and Household Chores

4. Internet, Computer and Phone

5. Visitors and Overnight Guests

6. Personal Belongings

7. Pets

8. Curfew

9. Alcohol Use (if over age 21) and Smoking

10. Miscellaneous

Other

The terms and provisions hereof shall remain in effect for at least the duration of the homestay, and shall not be modified except by a writing signed by both Host Family and Student. It is expected that this placement shall last at least the minimum duration as requested by the student in the initial Student Application and Homestay Agreement. Problems can and do arise between Host Family and Student from time to time, and it is expected that the parties will communicate freely with each other in a reasonable attempt to work out such problems informally. If Student and Host Family cannot work out their problems informally, the parties agree to speak to the Homestay Coordinator or other qualified College representative. This agreement must be signed by all adults over the age of 18 who are a member of the Host Family and will reside at said premises.

Notwithstanding any provision herein, Elgin Community College, its board of trustees, agents, employees and contractors, will not be held financially responsible or otherwise liable for disagreements between Student and Host Family or for misconduct by either party.

We, the Student and Host Family, agree to abide by this agreement for the duration of the Homestay.

Printed Name of Student

Date

Signature of Student

Date

Printed Name of Host Family Member #1

Date

Signature of Host Family Member #1

Date

Printed Name of Host Family Member #2

Date

Signature of Host Family Member #2

Date

Printed Name of Host Family Member #3

Date

Signature of Host Family Member #3

Date

Printed Name of Host Family Member #4

Date

Signature of Host Family Member #4

Date