



GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS:
Participant Contract

REVISED 2007-2008 International Housing Placement Service hereafter called IHPS is commissioned by you to act in your best interest as your agent.

1) APPLICATION PROCESS: Application Fee is Non-Refundable. All Participants must fill out the Application Form in full. Reservations are not confirmed until the Application and Housing Deposit have been received.

- College level Student or Visitor: \$325.00 Application Fee plus Deposit of \$100 (Total \$425)
- Interns & High school level Students: \$475 Application Fee plus \$100 Deposit (Total \$575).
- **Late Fee:** A late fee of \$50 will apply if Participant applies to our housing program less than 2 weeks prior to arrival.

MODES OF PAYMENT: Wires, Credit Cards, Personal Check (if drawn on a US bank account) and International Money Orders are accepted

- All Credit Card paying Participants are required to pay an additional 3.4% fee
- \$25 returned check fee for non-sufficient funds
- \$20 Wire Fee

2) HOUSING FEES: Once housing placement is confirmed, IHPS will send an invoice to Participant listing weekly housing fees. **These fees must be paid prior to Participant's check-in to Homestay.**

- Long-term Participants are billed quarterly (every 12 weeks), or if approved in advanced, every 4 weeks. It is the Participant's responsibility to keep IHPS updated with their current contact information. IHPS can charge a late fee for extension payments that are not paid on time.

3) CONFIRMATION OF HOUSING: IHPS Homestays will make every effort to confirm housing placement within 2-3 weeks of a Participant's arrival if the Application Form and Application Fees are received 45 days prior to arrival. If IHPS does not receive the proper information and housing fees as stated previously, IHPS will inform the Participant as soon as placement has been confirmed. IHPS will not be held responsible for any motel/hotel housing and meal charges that a Participant incurs while waiting for their housing placement to be confirmed by IHPS.

4) HOUSING and Options: Participants are placed in a private room, unless otherwise requested. Housing is with Hosts who speak English; a one or two member head of household; with or without children and animals. Participants can choose either a Homestay with meals or a Home Share without meals. **All rooms are for single use only. At no time is a Participant allowed to have any overnight guests without prior permission from IHPS and their Host.** All Participants will be placed in housing that is less than a 9 miles radius of intended school or internship.

Option #1 Homestay with Meals: An IHPS Host(s) is required to cook dinner at least 4 nights of the week. The other 3 nights, Participants will prepare their own dinner from a left-over or with other food the Host purchases. IHPS encourages Participants to purchase additional "snack" food for themselves. Lunch is not included and if desired, shall be at an additional cost to Participant.

Option #2 Home Share: No Meals included. Participant must purchase their own food. Kitchen privileges granted to Participant.

5) FLIGHT INFORMATION: It is the responsibility of the Participant to communicate and verify anticipated arrival flight details with IHPS at least two (2) weeks before arrival

6) AIRPORT PICK UP Airport pick-up can be arranged for an additional fee. Please contact us to find out what airports we service.

7) INSURANCE: By signing this Agreement you agree that IHPS and its Representatives/ Housing Coordinators and Hosts are not liable for any damages, injuries, and death to people or goods. Each Participant is responsible for providing insurance for such risks. ****NOTE**** Many of the schools/colleges have a policy which requires purchase of insurance upon enrollment into their educational programs.

8) VISAS: Obtaining the proper visas and permits for your education/internship is the responsibility of each Participant.

9) CANCELLATION: Cancellations must be in writing and received by IHPS. If Participant cancels less than 2 weeks prior to their arrival in the US, the Application, Deposit and first month's housing fee is non-refundable. Refunds of any housing fees minus a 10% administration fee will only be given if the student cancels 45 days before leaving home country. The Application and Deposit are Non-Refundable.

10) TERMINATION "Termination" refers to any cancellations made once you have arrived and begun your housing contract. Termination notices must be in writing and received by IHPS. Participants are required to give a 30 days notice to be eligible for a refund of any unused housing fees and housing deposit. Fees will be returned within 45 days. **Application and Housing Deposit Fee is non-refundable.**

11) CHANGE OF HOME STAY: **IHPS reserves the right to change a Homestay for any reason.** If IHPS finds a family to be in violation of their "Host Family Standards of Conduct", IHPS will move the Participant to another suitable home once one has been located and Participant will not be charged another application fee.

12) 30 DAY NOTICE POLICY:

- **"COMPLETION OF HOMESTAY"** Due to the need to facilitate arrangements for new placements, and for the planning associated with our housing process, **Participants are required to give a 30 day written notice to IHPS if they intend to check-out of their Homestay.** If Participant does not give adequate notice, IHPS may impose an additional \$50 fee.
- **"MODIFICATION OF MEAL/NO MEAL PROGRAM"** If Participant would like to change their meal program option, a 30 day notice is required. Please note: IHPS cannot guarantee that the Host will be in agreement of the change. If the Host is not in agreement, and IHPS needs to move the Participant to another Home, Participant will be charged a \$100 Transfer Fee.
- **"HOUSING EXTENSION"** **All housing extensions must go through IHPS Homestays.** If Host and Participant are in agreement of extension, IHPS will bill Participant for the extended period and continue making payments to the Host on Participant's behalf.

13) IHPS HOUSING PRICES: IHPS has the right to change prices due to tax increases or other unforeseen increases in costs. Compensation will not be made for US public holidays during your placement.

14) SECURITY DEPOSIT: A security deposit of \$100.00 is to be collected from each Participant by IHPS, and can be retained for up to 45 days after departure. **The security deposit can and will be used**

for any additional days a Participant stays in a host’s home, outstanding telephone charges, breakage/damage and/or cleaning costs incurred by the student. It can also be used to cover any bank charges or credit card fees AND late fees accrued by Participant when submitting payment for extension periods. To ensure return of the full amount, please be sure to settle all financial responsibilities with IHPS and hosts directly. Please make sure to contact the IHPS office with your forwarding address and request in writing the deposit to be refunded and forwarded. Your security deposit is non-refundable if you “Terminate” your housing agreement once begun OR if you “Cancel” your housing application less than 2 weeks prior to your arrival in the US. (Please see items #9 and #10

15) REFUNDS: Please see items #9 and #10

16) TRANSPORTATION: It is the responsibility of the Participant to provide their own transportation throughout the duration of their stay.

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE:

17) I, the undersigned have read, understand and accept all the terms and conditions of this contract which are listed above on this Application Form. I fully accept the terms of the responsibility, refunds, extensions and charges as stated under the heading, “General Information and Conditions,” and I agree to assume any and all risk for any loss, injury, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from my housing placement. I acknowledge that I do not hold IHPS responsible for loss of any type or nature from any cause including (without limitation) acts of God, wars, strikes, incidents of politically motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, except in the case of willful or gross negligence of IHPS including any claim regarding or concerning the selection of or from any act or omission by any homestay host family, bus company, landlord, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, school or other firm, agency, company or individual..

18) I understand that I am responsible for exercising due caution and common sense at all times, if I become ill IHPS may take action, as it considers necessary. I indemnify IHPS, its agents, employees, and its Host(s) and hold them harmless for any financial liability or obligation which I personally incur, or injury or damage to myself and the person or property of others. IHPS reserves the right to make changes in my housing arrangements. I acknowledge acceptance of the terms of the refund policy as stated in the “General Information and Conditions. I understand and agree with the extension procedure as stated in Item 12.

19) I agree that any dispute under this Agreement will be filed in the Northwest District of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles and will be determined under California law.

<p>Participant’s Signature</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Printed Name: _____</p>	<p>Parent/Guardian Signature if applicant is under the age of 18 years of age:</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Printed Name: _____</p>
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Student Standards of Conduct

IHPS expects its Participants to adhere to the following rules while living with their Host. Hosts can and are encouraged by IHPS to add additional house rules at any time.

The undersigned accepts and agrees to the following **Standards of Conduct** while living with their Host:

- 1) I agree to abide by my Host’s house rules at all times.
- 2) I agree to communicate openly with my Host especially in regard to any issues I have with my placement.
- 3) I will respect the privacy and personal belongings of my Host at all times.
- 5) I will not smoke inside or outside of my Host’s home. Failure to follow this policy can be grounds for dismissal from IHPS’s Housing program and no refund will be expected.**
- 6) I will not use my Host’s telephone, fax, computer, Internet Service or any telecommunication device without permission from my Host(s) and the use of an international phone card or equivalent type card if needed
- 7) I will be financially responsible for any damage to the Host’s property arising or resulting from my stay in the Host’s home.
- 8) I will not use illegal drugs, or drink alcohol, while staying with my Host.
- 9) I will not borrow anything that belongs to the Host unless I have prior permission to do so.
- 10) I agree to be professional, courteous, and respectful in all my communication with my Host or their invitees at all times.
- 11) I agree to keep my room and bathroom tidy and clean up after myself in the kitchen and other living areas of my host’s home
- 12) I also understand that I am not allowed to bring any overnight guests (including family members) to my Host’s home before or during my stay without prior permission from my Host and IHPS Homestays.**

IHPS reserves the right to terminate without compensation a Participant’s housing arrangement if the student is found to have behaved with gross misconduct, violated “Standards of Conduct”, or misrepresented themselves on their housing application in any way. Gross misconduct includes: theft, abuse of property, abuse of persons, alcohol and drug abuse, failure to adhere to local laws, property rules and regulations. Also, failure to disclose mental illness or other pertinent medical conditions that may have an adverse affect on host family will also result in termination without compensation.

Accepted and Agreed,

<p>Participant’s Signature</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Printed Name: _____</p>	<p>Parent/Guardian Signature if applicant is under the age of 18 years of age:</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Printed Name: _____</p>
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