

INTERCULTURAL HOMESTAYS AND SERVICES, INC.

Questionnaire

Instructions: **Please type or print clearly with black ink as this form will be photocopied.** Please answer all questions and return this form to Intercultural Homestays and Services, Inc. via email, fax, or mail to:

P.O. Box 27184
Seattle, Washington 98165-1584
U.S.A.

General Questions:

Student Name _____

Nickname _____

Cell Phone # _____

Name and phone # of any friends who live in the Washington area: _____

Brothers & Sisters: Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Have you participated in a homestay before? _____

Do you plan to drive a car while in America? _____ If yes, car insurance is mandatory in Washington State. What company will you have your car insurance with? _____

Do you have medical insurance? If so, what is the name of the company? _____

Would you like young children (under 5 years old) in your homestay? _____
This question is asked solely to determine your opinion.
It in no way implies that you will be expected to babysit.

Do you like pets? Yes No (It may not be possible to place you in a pet free home because most Hosts have pets.)

Do you smoke? _____ (Most Hosts do not allow smoking in their homes, so you may be asked to smoke outside only.)

Do you drink alcohol? _____ Would you feel comfortable with a host that

drinks occasionally? _____

A program of study or work can be both physically and emotionally stressful. Should an emergency arise while you are overseas, it is important that Intercultural Homestays and Services, Inc. be aware of any past or potential medical conditions that you may have. A frank evaluation of your health is essential to your safety overseas.

Are there any foods you do not eat? _____

Do you have any religious restrictions? _____

Explain what you expect of your homestay? _____

What would you like your new host to know about you? _____

Which of the following best describes yourself, in terms of being placed in a foreign household?

Independent of home and family life _____ Adventurous _____

Quiet and Reflective _____ Outgoing and Sociable _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What are your favorite sports? _____

What are your favorite occupational interests? _____

Are you starting school in ESL? _____

We cannot guarantee that all of your housing preferences will be met, but our housing coordinator will use the information to help arrange a compatible placement.

Guidelines for Homestay Participants

1. Keep in mind that you are a goodwill ambassador for your country. Be considerate and cooperative whenever possible. Help your Host by washing your dishes and keeping your room clean and neat.
2. Ask questions anytime you do not understand something. Also, tell your Host you do not understand rather than pretending that you do.
3. Do not make special demands on your Host. You are to fit into their routine and schedules as a real family member would in their home. You are not a hotel guest with special privileges - you are a member of the household.
4. Do not lock yourself in your room - try to communicate with your Host.
5. Ask your Host what time to get up so you will not disrupt the family or household members.
6. Body odor and bad breath are offensive to Americans.
7. Americans bathe daily, use deodorant and wear clean clothes, daily brush teeth.
8. Please do not smoke in your Host's home unless you have their permission. Many Americans are against smoking for health reasons.
9. Americans are recycle conscious. Please ask how it works in your homestay.
10. Take your identification with you at all times. Not your passport.
11. Do not carry large amounts of cash. Seattle is a big city. Be careful.
12. Your host will invite you to join in some activities. It is O.K. to say, “no” but thanks for asking me.” Be considerate and participate whenever possible.
13. It is appropriate to offer to pay your own way to movies, restaurants or other family activities where there is a charge or fee involved.
14. Do not make long distance telephone calls without permission.
15. Women are treated with the same respect and consideration you would show to men. Americans are very aware of women's rights.
16. It is important to say “Thank you” whenever anyone does something nice for you.
17. Be flexible. Your Homestay Host may only be able to provide you with modest sleeping accommodations.
18. Keep as quiet as possible after bedtime and come in quietly if you are late arriving home.
19. Discuss meal times with your Host.
20. A driver's license and insurance are the law in Washington, if you'll be driving.
21. Call if you will not be home for dinner or if you are going to be gone overnight.
22. Respect your Host and their house rules.
23. Use water wisely. Limit showers to 5 minutes.
24. Ask before putting anything on the walls.
25. Your Host will teach you your bus route to school.
26. Pay all Homestay fees on time as per our agreement.

These guidelines are an attempt to help you, the student, acclimate in a timely fashion.