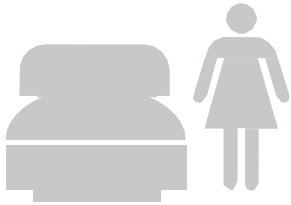


THE HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE

Our Student Accommodation Department will match you with a homestay family based on the information you included on your application (i.e., age, allergies, preferences). Prior to your arrival, you will receive a description of your homestay family including names of the family members, their ages, professions, and interests. You are strongly encouraged to communicate with your family by e-mail or by phone before you arrive. Sending them a picture is also a good idea—this will help them find you at the airport. They are as curious about you as you are about them!

Your new family will do their best to make you feel at home. Please keep in mind that this may include your helping with chores occasionally. If you follow the guidelines below, your stay will be enjoyable and memorable.



Keep your room tidy and make your bed every morning.



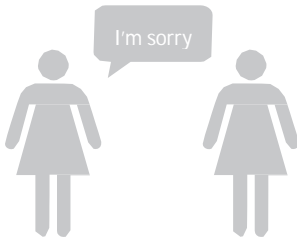
Offer to help with chores.



Respect all curfews and rules the family has.



Ask before borrowing something, and then always return it with a thank you.



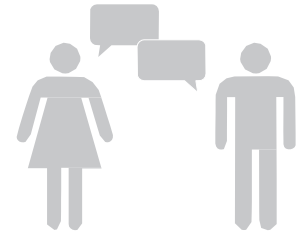
If you make a mistake, apologize and ask if you can talk things over.



Do not be late! But if you are going to be late, call the family to let them know.



If you don't know how to use something, ask for help.



If something is upsetting you, talk to the family about your concerns.



All long distance calls are to be made collect (charged to the person you are calling) or dialed on a long-distance telephone calling card.



If you feel ill, please notify the family right away.



Ask to use the internet or computer especially if you want to download something. Internet is not always unlimited in North American cities.



Enjoy your experience with your homestay family!

EXTRA EXPENSES

Your extra expenses may include activities outside of ILSC that are not part of your program package (ie. Sunday activities or excursions that you may go on with your host family), personal items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) and souvenirs. The host family is not responsible for paying for these costs. Though your host family is responsible for providing you with three meals per day, it is always polite to offer to pay for your own meal if the family eats at a restaurant.