



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS  
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COLLEGE STUDENT HOMESTAY APPLICATION

**Program Information**

International Student Placements (ISP) coordinates host home placements for international students wishing to experience the American way of life and build cross-cultural friendships. ISP has placed thousands of international students with hosts in California and Hawaii. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that you have a positive homestay experience. Students who are flexible and open-minded about adapting to new environments will be the most successful in this program.

Hosts are personally interviewed in their home, screened and selected for the program. Host homes are typically located within a 5-9 mile radius. **Students must be prepared to take the bus to school. Buses in the U.S. are not very timely or reliable.** Hosts are a variety of ages and can be families with children, single adults, single parents, couples without children, or retired people. The ISP program is designed for students who are 17-30 years of age.

**Duration of Housing**

ISP requires students to make a time commitment to our program according to the schools and areas where they live. Once ISP accepts a student’s application, the student is required to stay for the entire time period indicated on his/her application. Extensions are NOT guaranteed.

Location	Time Commitment
Northern California & Hawaii	4-week, 8-week, or 12-week commitment
Southern California	3-month commitment

**Application Procedure**

ISP accepts only those students who they feel will be successful in this program based on their applications. **Not all students will be accepted.** ISP will notify you once your application has been reviewed to let you know your status.

- **Application & Photograph:** Complete the attached application and include a recent, smiling photograph.
- **Placement Fee:** Enclose the ISP placement fee applicable to your site (see table below). The payment may be made in the form of a money order or personal check payable to **International Student Placements** and must be sent with the original application. Visa and Mastercard are also accepted, and **are required to be held on file for Southern California and Hawaii students.** The placement fee is non-refundable.
- **Late Fee:** If your application is received by ISP within 21 days of your arrival date, a late fee of \$50 is applicable. Please add this amount to your placement fee. If your payment is not included with your application, the date that we receive your payment is considered the date that your application is received. If your application is received on a weekend, it will be processed the next business day and the late fee may apply.
- **Monthly Service Fee:** For Southern California and Hawaii, ISP will take a service fee of \$70 for each month that you reside with your host family. The service fee will be charged to the credit card you keep on file with our office. Your credit card will be charged one to two weeks before your arrival for the first month, and between the 25th and the 29th of each subsequent month. Pro-ration of the monthly service fee is not available.

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- **Program Fees:**

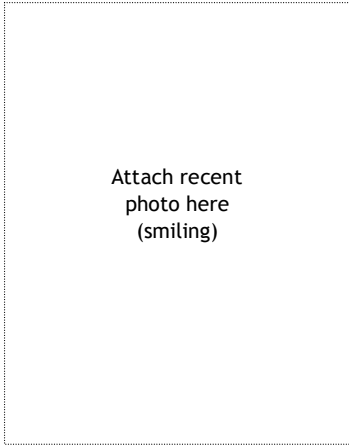
Location	Payments to ISP					Total Monthly Payments (service fee included)	
	Placement Fee	Late Fee (if applicable)	Airport Pickup Fee	Credit card on file with ISP	ISP Monthly Service Fee	Room plus two meals per day	Room only (no meals)
Northern California	\$435	\$50	\$100	not required	N/A	\$800 per month	\$650 per month
Sacramento	\$250		\$100 from SMF \$140 from SFO	not required	N/A	\$700 per month	\$550 per month
San Francisco	\$435		\$100	not required	N/A	\$875 per month	\$750 per month
East Bay (Hayward & Ohlone)	\$375		\$100	not required	N/A	\$750 per month	\$600 per month
Santa Cruz	\$350		\$130	MANDATORY	N/A	\$875 per month	\$725 per month
Hawaii	\$350		\$80	MANDATORY	N/A	\$870 per month	\$720 per month
Santa Monica	\$350		\$100	MANDATORY	\$70 per month	\$870 per month	\$720 per month
Glendale & Pasadena	\$350		\$100	MANDATORY	\$70 per month	\$820 per month	\$670 per month
El Camino & Long Beach	\$350		\$100	MANDATORY	\$70 per month	\$795 per month	\$645 per month
Northridge, Pierce, & Orange County schools (UC Irvine)	\$350		\$100	MANDATORY	\$70 per month	\$770 per month	\$620 per month
Other	Please contact the ISP Main Office for any schools not listed above.						

- **Mailing Address:** Your completed application and all fees should be sent to our main office:

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HOST HOME PLACEMENT APPLICATION



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family/Surname First Name

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
Month / Day / Year

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Permanent Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Permanent Address:
Permanent Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email:

Agent Name & Address:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Email:

School you will attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City & State

Quarter/term: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of homestay:  
Northern California & Hawaii:  4 Weeks  8 Weeks  12 weeks  
Southern California:  3 Months (only)

Date that I need to move to my homestay: \_\_\_\_\_ **THIS ITEM MUST BE COMPLETED**

Date that I will end my homestay: \_\_\_\_\_ **THIS ITEM MUST BE COMPLETED**  
(Note: This date must match the time commitment selected above).

What is your English level?  High  Medium  Low

Do you have any food restrictions? If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a meal option:  2 meals per day (breakfast & dinner)  No meals

Do you smoke?  Yes  No Do you agree not to smoke in or around your host home?  Yes  No  
(Failure to do so will result in eviction from your host home)

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Do you like children and would you like to have them in your host home?  Yes  No  Doesn't matter  
(ISP considers children to be under the age of 8 years old.)

Are you allergic to animals?  Yes  No If yes, please indicate which: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note that at least 63% of American households have pets. You will significantly restrict your host family placement options by saying no to animals.)

Do you plan to purchase a car to commute to school?  Yes  No  
(Note: this will be taken into consideration when determining the location of your homestay.)

If you have specific needs for your host home, please write them below:  
(Note: Internet access is not guaranteed. We cannot guarantee your requests but will TRY to fulfill them.)

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Please describe your hobbies and interests (examples: cooking, sports, etc.):

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Please describe your family:

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Have you traveled abroad before? If so, list place and duration:

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Please write a greeting to your host(s):

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**Medical Information**

**The following information must be completed by the parent if the applicant is under 18 years of age.**  
Please describe any current medical problems including emotional difficulties and serious allergies (animals, food, medicine) and any physical limitations. It is very important to be honest particularly if you have been under the care of a counselor or psychiatrist.

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On the following page, please list all medications that are currently being prescribed. Failure to list medications accurately can effect homestay placement.

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Medication: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT:**

I verify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I authorize my host family and/or ISP to act as my representative to authorize emergency medical/dental treatment for me.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT (if Student is under 18):**

I verify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I authorize my child's host family and/or ISP to act as my representative to authorize emergency medical/ dental treatment for my child. I understand that neither ISP nor my child's host family has legal responsibility for my child's care or well being. I understand that neither ISP nor the host family assumes any responsibility for the actions of my child while in the ISP program. I remain solely responsible for the care, guardianship, and actions of my child.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRPORT PICKUP FORM**

*Please note that the airport pick-up fee is non-refundable.*

**Accept/decline airport pickup service:**

Yes, I would like an ISP driver.  
Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_

No, I decline an ISP driver.

**Flight Information:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

International       Domestic

Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

Airline: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drop-off Information:**

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Drop-off Information:**

Host family name: \_\_\_\_\_ Host family phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family/Surname First Name

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Family/Surname First Name

Cardholder Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

City State Zip Code Country

Type	Name on Credit Card	Credit Card Number	3-Digit Security/Validation Code	Expiration Date
<input type="radio"/> Visa <input type="radio"/> MasterCard			(This is the three-digit number following the credit card number printed on the back of your card)	

I authorize International Student Placements (ISP) to charge the following fees to my credit card (please check all applicable fees). All charges are non-refundable:\*

- application fee
- \$50 late fee (if application is received within 21 days before arrival)
- monthly service fee (Southern California only)
- monthly rent (Hawaii and Santa Cruz students only)
- airport pickup fee

I agree to have my rent charged to my credit card if I fail to pay rent to my host and/or if I depart my host before the end of my contract.

**STUDENT:**  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CARDHOLDER (if other than Student):**  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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COLLEGE STUDENT AGREEMENT

By initialing below, I agree to and understand each point.

STUDENT'S INITIALS (and parent's initials if student is under age 18):

- 1. Contract Period. I agree to stay with my host family for my entire contract period indicated on page one of my application. I may only extend with the consent of ISP and my host family. If I choose to leave my host's home prior to the end of my contract, I agree to pay rent for the remainder of the contract period.
2. Notice to Move Out. I agree to give both my host and ISP 30 days' notice prior to moving out. If I fail to do so, I will be asked to pay additional rent and/or ISP fees.
3. Meals Option. If I choose the meals option, dinners will be prepared for me to eat from Monday through Thursday. I am encouraged to prepare my own meals on Fridays through Sundays, and my host must provide food that I may cook or prepare myself (this may include sandwiches, salads, or pizza, among other things). Breakfast items will also be available seven days a week. Upon arrival, I will try to discuss my food preferences with my host. I understand that lunches and snacks are not included in my rent. If I sign up for meals, I will be permitted to prepare only light meals in my host's kitchen. I can only switch my meal plan after arrival with my host's consent.
4. Rent Payments (not applicable for Hawaii and Santa Cruz students). I agree to pay rent to my host in advance of my stay. I will pay my host on the day of my arrival or on the following day. I may ask my host for a receipt. Payment will be in cash or by check. If I pay by check and my check bounces, I agree to reimburse my host for the bounced check fee. If my rent is not paid, I will be asked to leave my host's home and must do so immediately. I will not pay more than one month at a time. I understand that I must bring money to pay my host when I arrive, and that I cannot wait for the money to be wired to me or for my bank account to be set up.
5. Internet Connection. Not all hosts can provide Internet access. If I ask to share my host's existing DSL or cable Internet connection, I agree to pay for a portion of the monthly fee (typically \$25 per month). If my host does not have a DSL or cable internet connection and I choose to get one, then I will be solely responsible for the entire installation cost and monthly fees.
6. School Transportation. Transportation to and from school is not included in my homestay program. I should not expect my host to drop me off or pick me up from school, although he/she may offer to do so and I may accept such an offer. I understand that ISP cannot accommodate requests for a homestay that is walking distance to my school. I understand that the bus schedule from my host home to my school may not permit me to take evening classes. By initialing here, I understand that the bus ride to my school will take 30 minutes to 65 minutes.
7. Airport Pickup. I have completed the airport pickup form with my application to ensure my reservation. I understand that my airport pick-up fee is non-refundable.
8. Cultural Diversity. America is a rich melting pot of people from many cultures and countries. I understand that my host family most likely will not be Caucasian.
9. Host Family Program. I acknowledge that I am applying for a host family homestay program. I accept that there is no perfect host family and agree to do my best to integrate with my host family's life. If I request a new host before arrival, ISP has the right to deny my request. I understand that I will be considered a family member rather than merely a tenant. Accordingly, my bedroom door may not have a lock.
10. Guests. I agree not to allow any guests or family members to stay overnight in my host's home. If I violate this provision, even if I directly requested permission from my host, I will be asked to leave the ISP program and must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing and no fees and/or rent will be refunded.
11. Curfew. My host has the right to set a reasonable curfew for me. If I am under 18 years old, I will abide by the curfew laws of the city where I am residing. In the host program, I cannot spend the night out unless my host agrees to this in advance.
12. Hosts' Possessions. I agree to take good care of my host family's possessions, and to be financially responsible for the costs of any repairs associated with my negligence.
13. Fire Hazards. I understand that portable heaters and electric blankets are not permitted in my host's home. If I get permission for a space heater, I must pay extra for it.

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- 14. House Rules. If I break any of my host family's house rules, they have the right to terminate the housing agreement at any time and ask me to leave their home, and I must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing and will not refund any fees paid. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Cleaning. I agree to clean my bedroom once per week. I agree to clean my bathroom once per week. I understand that if I fail to clean, my host has the right to hire a professional cleaner and I must pay an additional fee. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Prohibited Activities. I will not engage in any illegal activities, including but not limited to the use of drugs or alcohol. I will not smoke in or outside of my host family's home. If I violate these rules, I will be asked to leave my host family's home and must do so immediately. ISP will not provide me with alternative housing. I will forfeit any paid rent and ISP will not refund any fees paid. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. New Placements. If I have problems with my host family within my contract period, ISP may decide that my homestay placement may be changed one time. I understand that a \$150 fee may be imposed. If I request a new host after my contract ends, I understand that I will need to re-apply to ISP and pay the application fee again. Students must inform ISP of any issues with the homestay placement within three weeks of arrival to be eligible for a host re-placement. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Visa Denial. I understand that my placement fee is non-refundable even if my visa is denied. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. As long as I reside in my ISP host family, I must abide by the rules, regulations, and guidelines. If my ISP contract expires and ISP pays my rent, I understand that this arrangement will continue and that I may not contract directly with my host family. \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. Credit Card Declines. If I pay by credit card and my card is declined, I am responsible for a \$100 service fee for each decline. \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. I understand that ISP has the right to terminate my host family placement at any time for rude and impolite behavior and language. In this case, no ISP fees or rent paid will be refunded. \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. False Information. If ISP discovers that I provided false information on my application, ISP will cancel my homestay placement and will not refund any fees paid. \_\_\_\_\_
- 23. Warranties. I warrant that the information provided on my application is true and correct, I am not a sex offender, and I have not been convicted of any crime. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Limitation of Liability. IN NO EVENT SHALL ISP HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY STUDENT FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, HOWEVER CAUSED, AND UNDER ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER OR NOT ISP HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. FURTHER, ISP SHALL NOT BE NAMED AS A PARTY, CALLED AS A WITNESS, OR SERVED DISCOVERY REQUESTS IN ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN STUDENTS AND HOSTS REGARDING THE FINANCIAL DEALINGS BETWEEN STUDENTS AND HOSTS. \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Indemnification. I understand that hosts are not ISP's employees or agents, and that ISP has no constructive control of hosts' behavior. I understand that the information provided by ISP about my host family is not a perfect predictor of how my host family will act in the future. I understand that ISP cannot control or guarantee the behavior of host families. I assume all risks associated with injury or loss arising from my host family's behavior and conditions of host home. I release ISP of any liability for any claim of injury, death, property damage, or other loss. I will not institute a claim against ISP and will release and hold ISP forever harmless for any and all claims arising from my host family's behavior. \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Governing Law. The parties agree to file any dispute regarding this Agreement in Santa Clara County, California Superior Court, and that any case will be determined using California law. \_\_\_\_\_

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 Student certifies to having read this Agreement and agrees to be bound hereto. Each party warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform under this Agreement and that the person signing this Agreement on behalf of such party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute this Agreement. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed.

<b>STUDENT:</b>  Signature: _____  Print Name: _____  Print Date: _____	<b>PARENT (if Student is under 18):</b>  Signature: _____  Print Name: _____  Print Date: _____
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**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACEMENTS, LLC**  
  
 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_