

Global Learning Term Let the World Change You

# **Student-Host Family Agreement**

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GLT term dates (start/finish):	_ City/Country:
Homestay duration: From to	
This is an educational agreement signed between	
(student-guest),	(host family head), and
(program coord	linator).

### **Responsibilities of Student-Guest:**

- **<u>1.</u>** I agree to make my own transportation arrangements for arrival and departure to and from the host family (unless otherwise arranged by Site Facilitator).
- 2. I agree to inform my host family of my arrival time and means of arrival.
- 3. I agree to negotiate a reasonable room and board monthly payment in consultation with the Site Facilitator and host family, and to pay that amount directly to the host family at the beginning of each month.
- 4. I agree to learn and adhere to the expectations, moral standards, cultural norms, and household rules, including those pertaining to dress, grooming, bathing, diet, privacy, smoking, drinking, communication, disagreements, bathing, visitors, resource use, and chores.
- 5. I agree to keep my room and bathroom tidy, and to clean up after myself in the kitchen and common areas.
- 6. I agree to assist with daily household chores unless firmly told not to.
- <u>7.</u> I agree to take part in my host family's daily activities—including mealtimes, general chores, church services—and not use the house as a "crash pad" (a place to eat and sleep).
- <u>8.</u> I agree to adjust my water, food and energy (gas, electricity) consumption to the household level.
- <u>9.</u> I agree to inform my host family of my whereabouts at all times, including evenings and weekends.
- 10. I agree to adhere to the curfew established by my host parent(s).
- <u>11.</u> I agree to invite guests to the home only with the knowledge and advanced permission of the host family.

- <u>12.</u> I agree to not invite guests of the opposite sex for overnight stays.
- 13. I agree to respect the privacy and personal property of host family members.
- 14. I agree to repair or replace any damaged or lost property when it is clearly my liability.
- <u>15.</u> I agree to not discipline the family's children or pets.
- <u>16.</u> I agree to inform host family members of my academic responsibilities, privacy/study needs, and any medically-substantiated dietary needs.
- <u>17.</u> I agree to not change my host family without prior approval from the program director or program coordinator.

# **Responsibilities of Host Family**

The following criteria suggest ways to evaluate the suitability of a particular family as a participant in the GLT program:

- The family is intergenerational: at least one child-rearing adult (whether married or not), and at least one child (whether biological or not), reside under one roof.
- The family consists of host nationals who enjoy a positive reputation in the local area.
- The family's home is a durable structure (i.e., built on a non-hazardous location and protected from extremes of rain, heat, and cold).
- The family's home has a private room (or one shared with a same-sex family member) available.
- The family can provide at least two meals each day.
- The family resides in an urban poor locality that is generally safe.
- The family's home is within a practical commuting distance from the student's community internship.
- The family can offer an emotionally stable home environment unburdened by serious family conflict, illness, or financial hardship.
- The APU student will be the only foreign guest living with the family.
- 2. I (the family) agree to not host two students of the opposite sex.
- 3. I (the family) agree to explain basic house rules and expectations to the student-guest.
- 4. I (the family) agree to provide the student a general orientation to the surrounding community.
- 5. I (the family) agree to involve the student in the family's daily activities and special events (e.g. local festivals, excursions) as a basis for informal culture learning.
- 6. I (the family) agree to use our native (home) language in most communications with the student.
- 7. I (the family) agree to respect the student's study time, religious beliefs, and medically warranted dietary restrictions.

- 8. I (the family) agree to not ask the student for money (beyond the agreed-upon room and board payment) or special favors.
- 9. I (the family) agree to not require the student to baby-sit or tutor other members of the family.
- 10. I (the family) agree to make every reasonable effort to ensure the student's health and safety during their stay, and to promptly report any concerns to the Site Facilitator.
- 11. I (the family) agree to <u>not</u> change our typical diet (amount or type of food), water and energy consumption levels, or cultural habits to accommodate the tastes of the student-guest.

### TERMINATION

- 1. If either the Student or the Host Family fails to satisfy any of the terms listed in this Agreement, and the difficulties cannot be resolved with mediation from the Site Facilitator, the Student or the Host Family may elect to terminate the homestay placement.
- 2. If the Host Family wishes to terminate the homestay placement before the end of the agreed upon homestay period, the Host Family will provide the Student with a 30-day notice of the termination. This will allow the Student to find a new placement.
- 3. Any fees (room and board) owed to the Host Family by the Student will be paid prior to the Student moving. The Host Family is responsible for collecting these fees.
- 4. Any fees (room and board) paid in advance by the Student to Host Family will be reimbursed on or before the Student's departure.

### PAYMENT

The student agrees to pay an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (USD) each month in local currency for the services listed above. This amount is due \_\_\_\_\_\_ (date) for months (according to dates listed above).

### STUDENT-GUEST

Name:	
Cell Phone #:	
Email Addres	s:
Permanent (l	<b>Iome)</b> Address [street, city, state, postal code, country]:
Emergency C	ontact Name & Phone #:

# HOST FAMILY

Family Name:	
Address [street, city, state, postal code, country]:	
Home Phone #:	
Email Address:	

# FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING AT HOME

### Adults/Parents

First Name:	Age:
Occupation:	Employer:
Work Phone:	Cell Phone:

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Work Phone:	Cell Phone:

Children		
First Name:	Age:	Gender:

Additional Adults Living in the Home		
First & Last Name:	Age:	Relationship:
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### Additional Family Information

- Primary language(s) spoken in the home:
- Other languages spoken by family members:
- Religious affiliations of family members:
- Is there Internet access in the home?
- Has any member of the family been convicted of a felony?

### References

Please provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of two (2) persons willing to provide the University with a reference on your family with regards to hosting students.

<b>#1:</b> Complete Name:		
 Complete Address:		
 Relationship to you:	Phone:	4
 <b>#2:</b> Complete Name:		
 Complete Address:		
 Relationship to you:	Phone:	

### SITE FACILITATOR

Name:	
Address:	
Phone #:	
Email Address:	

#### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone # / Fax# /E-mail address:	

### SIGNATURES

*Homestay Family:* I certify that this is an accurate description of our family. We agree to comply with Host Family expectations and discharge the responsibilities contained in this Agreement. If any information regarding our family changes, we agree to notify the Site Facilitator immediately. This Agreement must be signed annually.

Host Parent	Date:
Signature:	

**Student-Guest:** I have read and understood the conditions of this agreement. I agree to comply with all Student responsibilities.

Student-Guest	Date:
Signature:	

**Program Coordinator:** I have reviewed and do approve the Student-Host Family Agreement. I agree to provide academic advisement and support that contributes to the Student's ability to fulfill this Agreement.

Program Coordinator	Date:
Signature:	

*Site Facilitator:* I have met with the host family, reviewed the responsibilities of both guests and hosts, and judge this family as a suitable placement for APU students. Summary comments are provided below.

Site Facilitator Signature:	Date:
Comments:	