



GLOBAL STUDENT SERVICES, USA, INC.

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Dear Student, Parent or Agent:

Thank you for considering GLOBAL STUDENT SERVICES, USA, Inc., for your homestay requirements.

HOMESTAY APPLICATION

3 month minimum stay

Application Fee	\$500
Security Deposit	\$150-\$300
Monthly Fee	\$1,500***\$1,650****

Prices are per student. The application fee is non-refundable. Homestay option is room with 2 meals on school days and 3 meals on non-school days ***or all meals inclusive ****. Transportation to & from school, if required, is an additional cost. You can request a *private bathroom (additional fees apply). Airport pick-up is an additional fee. The security deposit will be refunded 45 days after departure. Int-l Money Order or Cashier Check for application fee and security deposit must be accompanied by application form. No cash or postal money orders. Prices for longer stays are available by request.

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PRICES AND FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

HOMESTAY APPLICATION & AGREEMENT

Name and address of school you/the student will attend: _____

Student's Name: Mr/Ms. _____ / ____ / ____
 Family Name First Middle Date of Birth Age
 Address _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Street City State Postal Code Country

Arrival Date _____ Airline _____ Arrival Time _____ am/pm Flight Number / Abbreviation _____

Departure Date _____ Agents Email Address (if applicable) (please write clearly) _____

Applicant/Students Email Address (please write clearly) _____

Length of Stay _____ Weeks/Days *Semi/Private Bathroom Requested _____ (Semi means shared with one other person and/or an occasional visitor)

Meal Option (check one) A*** _____ or B**** _____ (as shown above) *Additional fee will apply. Availability not guaranteed

In order to help us plan for you and your host, will your school course be completed in the length of stay indicated or is there a possibility you might extend your stay? Please choose one: Yes may extend _____ No definitely will not extend, course will be completed _____

Parents Name _____ Home Telephone _____ Home Fax _____ Business Tel. _____ Fax _____

Can you live with children and/or pets (please keep in mind most families in California have family pets and we would hate to pass up a wonderful host family if you really don't mind living with children and/or pets):

Children? Yes _____ (can tolerate) No _____ (cannot live with) If Yes, at what ages do you prefer? _____

Cats – Yes _____ (can tolerate) No _____ (cannot live with) Dogs - Yes _____ (can tolerate) No _____ (cannot live with)

*Do you smoke? Yes _____ No _____ Will you be getting a car during your stay in California? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any special requirements for your homestay? _____

Do you have diet restrictions? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, what foods do you not eat? _____ Do you have allergies to plants, animals, food or medications? If yes, please explain _____

What activities do you enjoy? _____ What languages do you speak? _____

What medications are you taking? _____

How well do you speak and understand English? Limited/Beginner _____ Good/Intermediate _____ Excellent/Advanced _____

Students and/or parents/guardians initials required:

- 1) *If you check off 'no' for smoking and it is discovered that you are a smoker, you may have to be transferred to another host family and you will have to pay a moving fee of \$200.00. Please initial here _____
- 2) If you are choosing the option with 2 meals daily, I understand that the host is responsible for providing (usually) breakfast and dinner. The host is not required to serve breakfast, but will have the food items available for you. You are responsible for purchasing your lunch items, snack foods, sodas, etc. The student does not have full access to food items in the refrigerator or the kitchen cupboards without the permission of the host. Please initial here _____
- 3) Contracting on the side is a breach of this contract. Please refer to item #13 in the General Information and Conditions portion of the application. If the student and the host contract between themselves for the student to extend, the student will forfeit their entire security deposit. Please initial here _____
- 4) It is understood that homestay and airport pick up services (if applicable) are for the student only. If your parent(s) are accompanying you to California, they are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation. If your parent(s) requests accommodations or transportation from the host family, it will result in the immediate termination of your contract and forfeiture of all of your homestay fees. Please initial here _____
- 5) *The application fee and any customer convenience charges are non-refundable. The late booking fee, if applicable, is non-refundable. Airport pick up fee is non-refundable if cancelled less than 5 days prior to your arrival. By initialing here and signing below, I agree that I have read and agree to all terms as stated in the General Information and Conditions portion of the application, including, but not limited to, items # 1, 2, 5, 8 & 16.* Please initial here _____

Please describe yourself: your personality, your family, your hobbies, what you like to do? This assists us in placing you with a compatible host family.

Please provide us with 1 passport size photo and a copy of your passport. You may email the correspondence or fax with this application. If it is not legible, we will advise and you may have to mail it to us if necessary.

How did you hear about Global Student Services, USA? _____

Homestay is a choice. If there is a problem in the homestay or if during the course of homestay, there are changes or concerns, please bring them to our attention so that we can determine what action, if any, should be taken, in the best interest of the student or the host.

- 1) **APPLICATION:** To apply, please fill out the Application Form in full and send it to the GLOBAL office via air mail with your payment of \$650 US. \$150 Security Deposit and \$500 non-refundable Application Fee. Your check must be drawn on a US bank and should be made payable to **GLOBAL STUDENT SERVICES, USA, Inc.** Please include a photograph with your application. **DO NOT** delay in sending your application if you cannot immediately send your payment. Just write a note stating that payment is on its way. It is suggested that you apply as early as possible to ensure confirmation of the homestay and preferences. Your reservation is not confirmed until payment in full has been received. If you apply with less than 15 days to your requested start date, we will process payment in full, including the Late Booking Fee of \$150**, so that we can immediately begin the placement procedure. **Please DO NOT USE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR ANY MAIL REQUIRING A SIGNATURE. REGULAR MAIL IS OK, BUT NO CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED PLEASE. PLEASE USE FEDEX, UPS, DHL, etc.**
- 2) **LATE BOOKING:** If your payment is received with less than 20 days prior to your arrival, a late booking fee of \$100.00 US will apply, if payment is received with less than 15 days prior to your arrival, a late booking fee of \$150.00 US will apply. Late Booking Fees are non-refundable. *Same day placement late booking fee, \$200.00.*
- 3) **CONFIRMATION OF HOMESTAY:** If the Application Form, Application Fee/Security Deposit and homestay fees are received on or before 45 days prior to arrival, you will receive confirmation of your placement approximately 2-3 weeks before you are scheduled to arrive. If GLOBAL does not receive the proper information and homestay fees as stated previously, GLOBAL will inform you as soon as your placement has been confirmed. To the best of GLOBAL's and their agents' ability, confirmation of homestay will be sent prior to your departure from your country so that you will be informed of your US address. If GLOBAL is not given the minimum of 2 weeks notice of a student's arrival, the student could be responsible for their own transportation and accommodations until such time that GLOBAL has finalized and confirmed with the student, homestay arrangements.
- 4) **HOMESTAY:** Are hosts or host families selected for you, located conveniently to the school/university you will attend, with a furnished bedroom. In most cases, rooms are private. In some large rooms, it could be divided into two rooms, each with their own privacy. In such rooms, the occupants will be of the same gender.
- 5) **AIRPORT PICK-UP OR ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION:** Depending on your homestay host's location from the airport and flight arrival information, either the host or GLOBAL will provide airport pick up or we will advise on shuttle service. This service is offered on arrival only. Additional fees apply. Airport pick up fee is non-refundable if the service is cancelled less than 5 days to arrival. It is your responsibility to make sure and confirm we have the correct flight information to ensure proper airport pick up.
- 6) **INSURANCE:** GLOBAL and its representatives are not liable for damages, injuries, and violations to people or goods, whenever these may occur. Each student 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. Please check with your school advisor or current insurance carrier for information regarding health and personal coverage, especially when outside your home country. It is advisable to keep a copy of your insurance plan for easy reference.
- 7) **VISAS:** Obtaining the proper visas and permits for your education is the responsibility of each individual. Inquiries concerning the matter should be directed to either the American Consulate in your country or through the school to which you are applying to.
- 8) **CANCELLATION:** Cancellations must be in writing and received by GLOBAL at least 25 days prior to your arrival in order to receive a refund (the application fee is non-refundable, please refer to item 16) as per the refund chart. If written cancellation is not received prior to your arrival into the US, you will forfeit all prepayments.

9) JUDGEMENT: Upon confirmation of the host, if you decide not to move in to the homestay without giving them a chance, YOU WILL NOT BE PLACED IN ANOTHER HOMESTAY and YOU WILL FORFEIT ALL FEES. This is necessary to prevent students and/or their parents from judging persons without taking the opportunity to get to know each other. You can not begin to know a person just by a profile or without giving them a chance. The hosts open their homes and hearts to you and the same is expected in return.

10) START DATE: In your confirmation, you are provided a start date (which was requested by you), if you postpone that start date without advising GLOBAL at least 7 days in advance, your dates of stay will not be changed and the host will be paid from the originally confirmed start date.

11) GLOBAL reserves the right to terminate without compensation a student's homestay arrangement if the student is found to have behaved with gross misconduct. Gross misconduct includes (but not limited to): theft, abuse of property, abuse of persons, disrespect of host, host rules and hosts home, alcohol and drug abuse, failure to adhere to local laws, property rules and regulations. In addition, GLOBAL shall inform the student's advisor at the college he/she is attending. No refunds whatsoever will be paid to students who have been found to have behaved with gross misconduct.

12) CHANGE OF HOMESTAY: Students may request a change in their homestay, with a valid reason (determined on a student by student basis), subject to availability of another homestay. GLOBAL will attempt to resolve any issues between the student and the host prior to moving students. A minimum of 30-days notice is expected of the student, in most cases. A minimum customer convenience move fee of \$75.00, maximum, \$100.00 may be charged for the first move. Subsequent changes of homestay arrangement are subject to a levy of \$150.00 administrative fee.

13) HOMESTAY EXTENSIONS: If you wish to continue your stay, all extension must be directed through the GLOBAL office. The additional fees must be paid in advance and directly to GLOBAL. Payments are due 15 days in advance. Due dates and late payment fees will be provided on each invoice. Once the extension has been processed, there will be no refunds allowed. **Under no circumstances, may the student or their homestay host contract directly with one another. The student will forfeit the security deposit and the host will be removed from our list permanently. NO EXCEPTIONS.** If the student does not wish to extend their stay in the GLOBAL homestay, it is understood that the student is to vacate their homestay at the end of the terms of the homestay contract.

14) PRICES: SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

15) SECURITY DEPOSIT: A security deposit of \$100.00 is to be collected from each student and will be retained by GLOBAL until the completion of the student's homestay contract. The security deposit can and will be used for a student's outstanding telephone bills, breakage/damage and/or cleaning costs incurred by the student. To ensure return of the full amount, please be sure to settle all financial responsibilities with your hosts/roommates. GLOBAL will return the security deposit after confirming with your host to verify the amount of refund due to you **after** 45 days from your departure from your homestay. Please make sure to contact the GLOBAL office with your forwarding address. Please be aware, that GLOBAL will not pay for any bank or currency exchange charges. These charges will be deducted from your **SECURITY DEPOSIT**. If there are additional damages/charges, incurred by you, these fees will be charged to your credit card on file, including customer convenience charges.

16) REFUNDS: **If Student cancels**, in writing, more than 25 days before arrival in the US **Student will receive:** All amounts paid by the student, less the application fee, airport pick up fee (if cancellation is requested less than 25 days prior start date, refund is same as above for all fees except retention fee, which will be determined on a case by case basis. After arrival in the US **NO REFUND POLICY**. Exception: If the student is denied their visa, we will refund all fees except the application fee, any customer convenience charges and late booking fee (if applicable), provided we are notified in writing (a copy of the denial letter is required) within 3 days of receipt of such letter.

17) TRANSPORTATION: It is the responsibility of the student to provide their own transportation to and from their campus. GLOBAL will assist in providing the student with local bus maps and telephone numbers of public transportation. ****NOTE** Please be advised that the public transportation here in the US may not be as convenient as you may presently be used to.** GLOBAL has made every effort to provide assistance to you in getting around efficiently in the area by the available local bus systems.

18) MODE OF PAYMENT: **Cash** (Cash will be taken in our office only) **Check** (Check must be drawn on a US bank) **Credit Card** (Visa, Master Cards & JCB) or **Wire Transfers**. We will charge a FOUR PERCENT (4%) customer convenience charge on all NON-CASH and NON-CHECK transactions.

19) WIRE TRANSFER: Account information will be provided to you in your confirmation or if requested by email. The 4% customer convenience charge must be included in the wire transfer. Regardless of method of payment, a credit card must be kept on file at all times to cover homestay payments for stays beyond the pre-paid date and any damages or bills incurred that exceed the security deposit on file.

20) All returned checks will incur a charge of \$50.

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE:

20) I, the undersigned have read, understand and accept all the terms and conditions of this contract. I fully accept the terms of the responsibility, refunds, extensions and charges as stated under the heading, "General Information and Conditions," I indemnify GLOBAL STUDENT SERVICES, USA INC and its suppliers in the USA, and hold them harmless for any loss, injury, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond our control, including (without limitation) acts of God, wars, strikes, incidents of politically motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, or in the absence of its own negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle from GLOBAL or selection of or from any act or omission by any host, bus company, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, school or other firm, agency, company or individual.

21) I understand that I am responsible for exercising due caution and common sense at all times, if I become ill GLOBAL may take action as it considers necessary. I indemnify GLOBAL, its agents and employees, and hold them harmless for any financial liability or obligation which I personally incur, or injury or damage to the person or property of others. GLOBAL reserves the right to make changes in my host service arrangements. I acknowledge acceptance of the terms of the refund policy as stated in the "General Information and Conditions". I authorize GLOBAL to disburse moneys to my host for services as described in our Host Services Agreement. I understand and agree with the extension procedure as stated in Item 13.

22) This agreement becomes effective upon execution of this confirmation.

If payment is by means other than cash or check, please note item #18(regarding customer convenience charge) and please provide the following:

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION MANDATORY: *Current (student or parent) credit card must be kept on file at all times to cover additional homestay fees (incurred by remaining beyond any pre-paid final dates) or for any damages or bills incurred by the student that exceed the security deposit remaining on file.*

PRINT STUDENTS NAME: _____

Cardholders Name: _____ Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ 3 digit code on back of card _____ Daily Maximum (if applicable) _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

I have read, understand and accept all the terms on pages 1, 2 & 3, which includes the General Information and Conditions and Agreement and Release, and agree to be bound therein.

Applicant's Signature: X _____ Date: _____

All applicants under 18 years of age must have the following section completed: I am the parent or legal guardian of the above (minor) applicant. I have read, understand and accept all the terms on pages 1, 2 & 3, which includes the General Information and Conditions and Agreement and Release, and agree to be bound therein.

Parent or Legal Guardian: X _____ Date: _____

This does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.

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