



Homestay Application for IEC@DVC Students

Education USA Short Term Winter Program

January 27, 2018 – February 24, 2018

Please answer ALL questions completely, providing as much detail as possible

Family Name (Surname) _____

First Name (Given name) _____

Applicant's Complete Address: _____

Male:

Female:

Student Email (Required): _____

Agent Email (If applicable): _____

Student Telephone: _____

Student Birthday (Required): _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

What is your native language? _____ Other languages? _____

What is your English speaking level? Very High High Medium Low Very Low

Why do you wish to live with a host family? Please explain: _____

REQUIRED – List eight (8) hobbies, interests, and/or sports you enjoy:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____

REQUIRED – PLEASE ANSWER HONESTLY:

DO YOU SMOKE? Yes No

Have you been diagnosed with any medical allergies? No Pets Food **Specify:** _____

Are there any foods that you do not eat? No Yes, please specify: _____

Please describe the members of your personal family. Select all boxes that apply to your family:

Mother – Occupation: _____ Father – Occupation: _____

Sister(s) - Age(s): _____ Brothers(s) - Age(s): _____ Pet(s): _____

Have you ever visited the U.S. before? No Yes, where: _____

Please describe any current medical conditions, including any physical limitations or other special considerations that your host family should know about. Also list any prescription medications that you are currently taking:

Host Family Disclaimer (IMPORTANT: Please read all information below.)

Students are expected to live in their homestay for the entire program. Living in a homestay includes housing, transportation to/from school, two meals per day (breakfast and dinner) Monday – Friday, and three meals per day (breakfast, lunch, dinner) Saturday – Sunday. All utilities (except telephone use) are also included. Students will need to have their own cell phones. Students are not guaranteed placement with any specific type of family (race, marital status, families with children, etc.), as all of the families in our program have been pre-screened and have met the qualifications of being a host family. Homestay placements will be based upon a number of different criteria including the families' availability at the time the student arrives, the type of student they are looking to house, and the information provided in the homestay application.

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Housing Policy for Homestay Students



1. All students are required to give their host family a **refundable** security deposit, in the amount of \$300, at the time of move-in, in order to cover the cost of any damages to the property for which the student is responsible. If the student does not cause any damages to the property, they will receive a full refund of the \$300 security deposit. If any security deposit funds are used for cleaning or repairs, the family will provide the student with receipts showing the cost of services or repairs performed.
2. Students may also be held responsible for any damages caused by visitors (friends and family) that they have invited into the home.
3. Students are advised to do the following actions to protect their deposit
 - a. Upon moving in, inspect their bedroom for any existing damages (carpet stains, lighting, closets, etc.)
 - b. Document any damages upon moving in and let the host family know immediately that they exist. This will show the host family that the damages were pre-existing and not caused by the student.
 - c. Tell the host family about anything that needs repair from normal use, such as replacing a light bulb that has burned out.
 - d. Several days prior to moving out, the student should thoroughly clean their bedroom and show it to the host family. This will allow the host family to inspect the room and let the student know if there is anything further that needs to be done.
 - e. An initial inspection of the student's living area by the host family will give the student a chance to repair any damages before the final inspection, which will take place on the actual date the student moves out.
4. Any dispute between the student and host family should be brought immediately to the attention of the DVH Housing Director for resolution.
5. In the event that DVH must remove a student from a homestay due to disciplinary or behavioral problems (including breaking house rules, theft of property, continuing conflicts or verbal abuse toward a family member, physical abuse to any persons or property, etc.), the student will be removed from the homestay and DVH will not place the student in another homestay.

Signature Required

I verify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions for applying for, and living in, a homestay.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Indemnification: Student fully indemnifies Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and its agents and employees from any claim arising from Student's conduct. Student understands that hosts are not employees or agents of Diablo Valley Homestay LLC, and student assumes all risk associated with injury or loss arising from the living in the homestay, including behavior of hosts. Student releases Diablo Valley Homestay LLC of any liability for any claim of injury, death, property damage or other loss. Student will not institute a claim against Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and will release and hold Diablo Valley Homestay LLC forever harmless for any and all claims arising from living in the homestay, including the behavior of hosts.

Limitation of Liability: In no event shall Diablo Valley Homestay LLC have any liability to the student for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, however caused, and under any theory of liability, whether or not Diablo Valley Homestay LLC had prior knowledge of the possibility of such damages. Further, Diablo Valley Homestay LLC shall not be named as a party, called as a witness, or served discovery requests in any dispute between student and host regarding the financial dealings between student and hosts.

Mediation/Arbitration: In the event any dispute arises with respect to the services provided by Diablo Valley Homestay LLC, and such dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, then Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and Student agree to first endeavor to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Rules, before resorting to any other means of dispute resolution. Following at least one such mediation session, any unresolved dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Rules, and the judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Further, in the event of any such arbitration, the prevailing party shall be entitled to costs and attorney's fees.



Homestay Liability Release for Students Under Age 18

The following liability release is for students under the age of eighteen (18) who request to be placed in a homestay by Diablo Valley Homestay LLC (DVH). The student and their parent(s) must sign this form prior to the student being placed in a homestay.

Parent/Legal Guardian

"I/We request to have our child, _____, placed in a homestay by DVH. I/We acknowledge that our child is under the age of eighteen (legal adult status in the United States), and that we - *not the host family, nor DVH* – will be held responsible for our child’s actions while he/she lives in the United States. I/We agree to pay the full amount for any and all damages in the homestay for which our child is responsible, regardless of whether the damages were accidental. I/We agree to hold harmless and release all liabilities of DVH, and the host family chosen to host our child, including all claims against DVH and the host family for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from participation in the homestay program. I/We hereby acknowledge, accept, and agree to the above named terms and conditions."

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Date

Date

Student

"I, _____ agree to live in the chosen homestay at my own risk and liability. I also agree to hold harmless and release all liabilities of DVH and the chosen host family, including all claims against DVH and the host family for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from participation in the homestay program. I hereby acknowledge, accept and agree to the above named terms and conditions"

Student Signature

Date

Print Student Name