

Student Homestay Form



Please provide the following information to help in your placement with a suitable homestay host. Be sure to answer honestly with as much detail as possible. Every attempt will be made to meet as many of your preferences as possible, but it is rarely possible to match all of your preferences exactly.

Personal Information

Family Name:		First Name:	
Nationality:		Date of Birth: MM / DD / YYYY	
E-mail:		Gender: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	
Address:			
City:		Province:	
Country:		Postal Code:	
Telephone (home):		Telephone (cell):	

Course Information

Course Start: MM / DD / YYYY	Program Name:
What is your current level of English? <input type="radio"/> Non-Speaker <input type="radio"/> Beginner <input type="radio"/> Intermediate <input type="radio"/> Advanced	

Homestay and Pick up Details

Start Date: MM / DD / YYYY	Final Date: MM / DD / YYYY	Total: _____ weeks
		Extra Nights : _____ days
Accommodation Type:	<input type="radio"/> No meals/single bed room <input type="radio"/> 2 meals/single bed room <input type="radio"/> 3 meals/single bed room	<input type="radio"/> No meals/shared room <input type="radio"/> 2 meals/shared room <input type="radio"/> 3 meals/shared room
*Shared rooms are available only for students that are coming together.		

Arrival Details:

Pick Up Service: <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> One Way (Airport - Homestay) <input type="radio"/> Round Trip (Airport - Homestay - Airport)		
Arrival Date: MM / DD / YYYY	Arrival Time:	Flight Number:

Student Preferences and Personality

Do you prefer a family:	<input type="radio"/> No preference <input type="radio"/> Adult(s) with infants <input type="radio"/> Adult(s) with children 13 or older	<input type="radio"/> A single person <input type="radio"/> A couple <input type="radio"/> Other students
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Student Preferences and Personality (continued)

Can you live with pets? Yes No Are you vegetarian? Yes No
 Do you smoke? Yes No
 If yes, are you willing to live in a non-smoking home? Yes No

How would you describe your personality?

A Leader Outgoing Cheerful Active Quiet
 A Follower Studious Independent Dependent Aggressive

Hobbies and Interests:

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, health issues or disabilities? Yes No

Please specify:

Do you have any other requirements?

Homestay Student Agreement

UMC agrees to place the student in suitable homestay care. Regular checks are made to ensure that both student and host family are compatible. These checks are made in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students and results are available on request. Student understand that it may be not possible to meet all the preferences. Students must agree to abide by the rules of the homestay agents, host family and school. While attending high school, students must stay in homestay accommodation and not own a motor vehicle. Refunds of accommodation will follow the Homestay Refund Policy.

I, the applicant, declare that all information contained on this application is true and complete and no information has been withheld.

Student Signature: _____

Date: MM / DD / YYYY

For applicants under the age of 18: I am the parent or guardian of the applicant named above. I acknowledge that the applicant and I have read, understood and agree to be bound by the agreement, including the Upper Madison College Homestay Regulations and Requirements. I understand and agree that Upper Madison College will deal directly with the Applicant carrying out this agreement in accordance with its terms.

Parent/Guardian Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: MM / DD / YYYY

(if student is under 18 years of age)

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Homestay Guide

EXPECTATIONS

By keeping your expectations reasonable – and clear – you will better enjoy the homestay experience.

Some

common misconceptions are:

1. Canada is glamorous and everyone is rich – just like in Hollywood movies.

In fact, you will probably be living an ordinary life with a family that is neither rich nor poor. It probably, for example, won't have a maid to look after your needs.

2. Canadian families are all white and headed by a mother and father.

In fact, Canada is quite multicultural and the nature of families are quite varied.

3. The homestay will be like a hotel.

In fact, you will have your own room but likely be sharing all the other facilities.

4. You will be the only homestay student in the household.

In fact, often more than one student will be living with the family. That may be an advantage, as it gives you somebody with whom to share your experience.

5. The homestay is a convenient stop to wait while you search for another place to stay.

In fact, that is highly unfair to the homestay family who could have taken another student for the full term.

Homestay is an important part of the experience of learning a new language and culture.

6. Some students think that after homestay they will be able to speak English or French like a native. Both are very complex languages and speaking it well takes considerable time. Yet rest assured, you will improve your English or French dramatically.

MEALS

Most homestay hosts provide breakfast and dinner. Usually, you can make a lunch to take to school. The food will be very different from what you are accustomed to and the manner of eating will probably be different as well.

During the school / work week, breakfasts are informal, as everybody quickly eats something before rushing out the door. Most students take a bagged lunch – a sandwich, or perhaps some leftovers in a plastic container, along with a drink, and fruit or cookies. Most likely, you will prepare your own lunch.

Dinner will be more like what you are accustomed to, in the sense that everybody tries to eat together and a parent usually cooks. It's probably at a much earlier hour and sometimes rushed, because family members may have events to attend in the evening. Again, we stress it's your responsibility to be home for dinner on time. Don't expect the mother to be patiently waiting, with the food still warm, if you arrive two hours late.



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YOUR RESPONSIBILITY APPLICATION FOR CHANGING HOMESTAY

1. Clean your own room. Your room is your private space in your house. Your host family will give you clean sheets but they are not responsible for cleaning your room.
2. Do your own laundry. Some host families will do your laundry for you, but your host family will tell you how and when they do laundry.
3. Turn off all the lights when you leave a room.
4. Limit your showers and baths to no more than 20 minutes.
5. Lock all windows and doors whenever you leave the house. The homestay family will give you your own house key, which means that your homestay family trusts you. Do not give your key to anyone else. If you lose your key, the homestay family may have to change the locks.
6. Please do not give your homestay house phone number to people you have just met or people you do not know well.
7. You are responsible for paying for long distance calls. Do not be on the phone too long.
8. Respect other members in the house and be courteous.
9. Do not use numbers that begin with 1-900 or 1-976. These can cost up to \$10 / min.
10. Ask your host family about inviting friends over. Different host families have different rules about their houses.

- If serious problems arise between you and your homestay family and you would like to change your homestay, you should report it to the homestay coordinator or receptionist as soon as possible.
1. You must inform UMC of your decision to change homestay within the first five days of your new homestay. We assume that every student will report any serious problems within five days.
 2. Feeling uncomfortable cannot be a reason for changing homestay. Living with a totally new family may be stressful for some students, but most international students experience some tension during their first month in Canada.
 3. If you encounter differences between the family and homestay information you received in your country, it can be a good reason to apply for another homestay. For example no children, no pets, smoking, and so on.
 4. If the school approves your homestay changing application, the homestay coordinator will find a new homestay family for you within three days from the approval.
 5. Be aware that the distance from homestay to school is between 30 and 50 minutes, and it's not a reason to change.

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