



Homestay Basic Information 2021

The Blacksburg Homestay Coordinator, Mary Ann Poole, provides placement services for short-term or long-term housing into a safe home environment to experience life with an American Family while studying or visiting Virginia Tech. Each apartment or home is different as is each family. Each home has its own personality.

In general, each family provides a private room with a private or shared bath that is furnished with a bed, desk, dresser, closet, lamp, linens and access to laundry facilities. All utilities are provided including internet access. Each participant is expected to clean his own room with supplies and vacuum provided.

Each Blacksburg Homestay Host Family will have its own house rules for visitors.

Most families are in the town of Blacksburg near bus lines or convenient for biking to VT. However, some families, not near the Blacksburg Transit (BT) bus line, may provide assistance to a bus stop or transportation to school.

The following outlines the Homestay room and board fees for 2019 that are available with our in-home program for 9 month stays. A Short Term Surcharge may be applied for short term mid-semester stays. If paying by PayPal add 3.9% to all total payments.

Homestay Membership Fee, (one-time fee)	\$375
Basic Room Fee	\$600
Add Continental Breakfast	\$75
Add Dinner	\$300
Add kitchen privileges for personal meals with cleanup	\$100
Private Bath Surcharge	\$75
Suite accommodation including private living space	\$150
Private Kitchen Suite	\$150
Private Room with Kitchen Privileges/month	\$675
2 month minimum	\$1350
Private Room with Breakfast and Dinner Meal program/month	\$950
2 month minimum	\$1900
Private Room w/Private Bath with Breakfast and Dinner/month	\$1025
2 Month minimum	\$2050
Mid-Semester Short Term Daily Surcharge up to	\$100
Return Check fee per occurrence	\$50
Early Termination Fee	\$125
Contract Change Fee	\$125
Installment Payment Fee	\$30

Meal program consists of continental breakfast and American dinner

Breakfast is between 6:00-10:30am

Lunch is not provided with our meal program. You must provide your own lunch.

If you intend on cooking your meals, you must pay for kitchen privileges

Pricing is based on one payment for the full contract period. Monthly payments are allowed for contracts over 5 months in length with the added installment fee of \$20 added to each payment.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Contact maryann@blacksburghomestay.com and request, complete and submit a Membership and Application form.
- Blacksburg Homestay **CONFIRMS AVAILABILITY and will SEND YOUR PLACEMENT.**
- Review and **APPROVE PLACEMENT.**
- **PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE, SUBMIT YOUR; I-20, PASSPORT ID, A COPY OF YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS SUBMITTED TO VT. AND TRAVEL ITINERARY**
- Blacksburg Homestay sends your **HOMESTAY CONTRACT.**



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- **PAY** for the contract period before or upon arrival as stipulated in the contract. Partial months will be prorated.

It is Blacksburg Homestay's intent to place one or two and not more than three students of different native languages in a home for the purpose of conversation and cultural interaction with Americans when possible..

Each participant will be responsible for any damage done to the house or personal items in the home. Full reimbursement for any damage is expected immediately.

Accident, Travel and Medical Health Insurance and Covid Vaccination are required and are the students' responsibility.

Blacksburg Homestay (BH) assumes no responsibility or liability for the student when making the homestay placement with a family, however, BH does visit all homes and interviews prospective families before making any placements. Any placement concerns or personal safety issues should be reported immediately to the BH Coordinator and an alternative placement will be secured if deemed necessary after consultation between the student and the coordinator.

BH group meetings will take place at LCI periodically for coordination purposes. (For international students studying English at VT Language & Culture Institute.)

Blacksburg Homestay expects payment for the initial length of the contract and Membership fee prior to your arrival by the date stated on your contract. Fees, in check form, are to be made payable to Blacksburg Homestay upon arrival. Cash is always preferred. Installment Payment Plans are available with the added fee of \$20 per payment. Extensions of the initial contract may be made with a minimum of 30 days advance notice in order to secure the room unless specified otherwise on the contract.

Amenities: Laundry Access, provide your own detergent if desired
Linens, Towels
Furnished room; desk, bed, closet, lamps, chairs
All utilities are included

Basic House Rules: **No smoking in the house**
Recycle all plastics and glass
Conscientious use of electric heat and water
Trash pickup on Monday mornings or as scheduled
You are responsible to clean your own room, vacuum provided.
Additional Kitchen/House Rules may be posted

Blacksburg Homestay also offers a limited number of situations in furnished apartments with the same amenities adjacent to campus. Each of these rooms will have individualized pricing and will not include meals.

Domestic transfers can be made to our Wells Fargo Account by using the Wells Fargo 'Zelle' method and the email, maryann@blacksburghomestay.com

Bank Wire Payments are the cheapest way to make **International payments** over \$200 to Blacksburg Homestay.

Blacksburg Homestay estimates the fees for a bank wire.

Our minimum estimated bank fee for a transfer of any amount is \$32. **Please add \$32 to your total due in addition to YOUR bank fees. Your bank or a fund transfer bank may add additional fees to this transfer. We will report to you the amount received into our account and credit your BH account with all payments received.**

Payments can be made directly to our bank by way of a Bankwire from your bank using the following information :

Bank Name: Branch Bank and Trust or BBT

Bank Address: 902 Prices Fork Road, Suite #110

Blacksburg, Va.

Bank Phone: 540-808-1200

Acct. Name: Blacksburg Homestay.com

Routing #: 051404260

Acct. #: 0000159906566

Swift Code: BRBTUS33



DEPARTURE AND DAMAGE RETURN FORM

In order for us to return your damage deposit, Please fill out and return this form to your host for their signature of completion upon your departure from your Homestay. It is your responsibility to provide us with your contact information and new address.

You must schedule a walkthrough review of your room prior to your departure with your Host.
Each student is responsible to leave their room in the condition it was found, clean and in order.
You will be responsible to clean the carpet of any stains and walls of any marks made during your stay.
The room must be cleaned as required and vacuumed
Sheets to be removed and placed in the laundry area.
Cooking utensils cleaned and returned to their storage area.
Bathroom to be left clean of all personal items

Address change cards to be left for the postman.
All business billing addresses to be changed. Bank mailing address to be changed .
Blacksburg Homestay will not be responsible to change your address or forward mail.

The cost to replace any items in the home will be charged to your Damage Deposit. The balance of your Damage Deposit will be returned to you to your new address by bank check or Zelle Transfer.

Damage Deposit Amount _____

Cost of Damages to Homestay Home _____

Student Name _____

New Address _____

US Phone Number _____

US Email _____

Host Signature _____

Date of Departure _____



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Blacksburg Homestay has 3 Options based on availability:

Homestay with US citizens

Blacksburg, Va.

Christiansburg, Va.

Rooms in a shared apartment close to LCI and VT

524 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, Va.

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All inclusive with furnishings, utilities, linens and towels

Free Parking is included

Studio apartments

311 Ellett Road, Blacksburg, Va.

Completely furnished with laundry appliances in the unit.

Water, trash and free parking is included.

Private Residence

Suitable for a family or sharing with a housemate

Furnished with Utilities

Internet not included, to be secured by the resident