



Frequently Asked Questions – HOSTS

What do I need to provide the student with?

The Student's needs to be provided with a private room with a bed, linens, desk, chair, adequate lighting, and closet space. The room may be on suite or the Student may share the bathroom with you. The Student must have access to the laundry facilities. All the utilities are included. The Host must cook one hot meal per day and provide other food items so that the Student can prepare his/her own breakfast and lunch.

The Host must have patience and time to spend with the Student.

How long do the students usually stay?

The minimum stay is one month. Some students stay for up to one academic year.

How do I apply?

Download the application form from the website (under Host page) and email it to: info@princegeorgehomestay.ca. You will receive a confirmation once the form is sent.

Is there a fee to apply?

No, there is no fee to apply. The Student pays the placement fee.

Will you visit my home after the application?

Yes. The visit and interview will be arranged at your convenience. All adult family members should be present.

How much payment will I receive and who will pay me?

The monthly payment is CAD\$700. The payment will come directly from the student. Prince George HomeStay will not be involved in the financial transaction.



Do I need to provide criminal background check?

Yes, we require a criminal background check from each adult family member.

How do you match the Students with the Hosts?

The match is made on the basis of each side's preferences, i.e. gender, religion, food requirements, allergies, pets, children.

Can I specify the preferred gender?

Yes. Your home is your personal space and we want you to feel comfortable and be able to provide adequate care to the Student. Please note that Hosts who can accommodate both male and female students will most likely enjoy a higher occupancy rate.

What countries do the students come from?

The students come mainly from Asian countries, such as China and Korea.

Does my home have to be near UNBC?

Your home should be no further than 30 minutes away by public transit from UNBC.

Can I be a Host if I am a single person?

Yes, you can.

Does the room need to be furnished?

Yes. The room needs to have basic furniture, i.e. bed, bed linens, desk with a lamp, chair, closet/dresser. You may also want to provide towels. Toiletries can be purchased by the Student.



Can I host more than one student at a time?

Yes, if you have two single rooms. You may only host students of the same gender.

How does the Student or his/her parents pay me?

The Student may pay you in cash, direct deposit or e-transfer. For more information on payment, please refer to the Host Handbook, which you will receive upon application.

If the arrangement does not work out, can I ask for another student?

Both, the Host and the Student need to follow the rules outlined in the Homestay Agreement. If there is a valid reason to terminate the Agreement, you will need to give the Student appropriate notice. For more information on terminating the Agreement, please refer to the Host Handbook, which you will receive upon application.

How soon can I expect a student to be placed with me?

The wait time will vary depending on the arrival of the students. Most placements will occur before the start of a new academic term.

Do the students speak some English?

The Students' English language levels vary from total beginners to advanced. It is important to speak slowly and clearly to the beginners and assist them in learning English by having regular dinner-time conversations. For tips on how to communicate with the Student, please refer to the Host Handbook.

Do I have to pick up the student at the airport?

Yes. If you are unable to pick up the Student in person, a Prince George HomeStay representative will pick up the Student at a fee of \$35 paid by you.



What if I have to travel when I host the student?

If you have to travel out of town, you need to make an alternative arrangement, for example, the Student may stay home alone, or you have to find another accommodation for the Student.

Do you ask the student for a damage deposit?

No, we do not. It is not customary for homestay students to pay damage deposits. We recommend that you purchase house insurance that covers your belongings.

Is there a deadline for submitting the application?

No, there is no deadline, but you must apply as early as possible to ensure that we can find a suitable student for you.

What rules do the students have to follow?

The Student has to follow the rules outlined in the Homestay Agreement (for example: timely payment, respect, notifying the Host about being late) as well as the house rules that you impose. For more information please refer to the Host Handbook.

How do I find out more information?

You can send us specific questions to info@princegeorgehomestay.ca
Upon application you will receive the Host Handbook with all the details of the Homestay Agreement.