



## Frequently Asked Questions – STUDENTS

### How much does it cost?

There is a one-time placement fee of CAD\$275. You can pay it via E-transfer.

The monthly accommodation fee is \$800 and is paid directly to the Host family.

### What is the minimum stay?

The minimum stay is one month. If you are staying shorter than one month, you will still need to pay the placement fee and one-month accommodation fee.

### How do I apply?

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

### What is included in the homestay?

The homestay agreement includes: accommodation, utilities, three meals a day, and some snacks. Your private room will have a bed, linens, desk, chair, adequate lighting, and closet space.

### Will I have my own bathroom?

You may have access to your own bathroom, or you may have to share it with other family members. You are responsible for buying your own bathroom supplies, like shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and toilet paper. Your Host might provide you with towels, but it is not required.



### **Will I have access to the Internet?**

The majority of Canadian homes have wireless Internet. You will need to have your own computer to access it. When you arrive, ask for the password to access the network.

### **Does homestay include transportation?**

No. Your homestay agreement does not include transportation. You need to pay for your own bus tickets. Your Host will assist you with the information on how to use the transit system in Prince George. Some Hosts may offer you free or paid rides, if it is convenient for them.

### **Will the Host cook for me all the time?**

No. The Host is required to prepare **one** cooked meal a day, usually dinner. The Host is required to provide food items so that you can prepare your own breakfast and lunch.

### **Will the Host buy me the food I like?**

The Host will buy the food they normally buy for the family. The Host may ask you about your likes and dislikes, but they are not required to only cook the food you like. You may buy any food you like, but the Host is not responsible for paying for it.

### **Can I cook my own food?**

Yes, you can. Most Hosts will let you use the kitchen to cook if you follow their rules. Ask the Host how to use the kitchen equipment in a safe way and inform them when you want to cook. You are encouraged to cook for the whole family from time to time. It is a great way to teach the Host about your culture.

### **Can I use the Host's phone?**

Yes, you may make **local** phone calls, but you need to ask first. All long-distance phone calls must be made using calling cards. Please be considerate of your Host when making long, late phone calls.

### **Can I do laundry in the home?**

Yes. Your Host will explain how to use the laundry facilities. If you are unsure, always ask the Host to repeat or explain something again.

### **Can I smoke in the home?**

No. Majority of Canadian do not smoke, do not like the smell of cigarette smoke or even are allergic to the smoke. If you are a smoker, the Host will ask you to do it outside in a designated area using an ashtray. Please note that in most cities and towns in Canada smoking is banned by law inside and close to public areas and buildings, such as restaurants, airport, or hospitals.

### **Do I have to return home at a specific time?**

No, you do not, but you have to inform your Host if you are going to miss dinner or will return home later than usual. Hosts usually worry about their guests/students and want you to be safe. If you do not come for the night without informing your Host, your Host will call your parents and/or the police.

### **Can I have a guest stay with me for a day or two?**

Yes, but only if the Host agrees. The Host is not responsible for providing the food for your guest.

### **Can I stay at a friend's place?**

Yes, but you need to inform the Host of the arrangement and how to contact you in case of an emergency.



### **Will I be able to do sightseeing or travel with the Host?**

If your Host goes on trips, they may take you with them. You might be asked to pay for your hotel accommodation, admission tickets, restaurant meals, and other activities. Please inquire with the Host before any trips or travel.

### **Will I be picked up at the airport?**

Yes. Your Host will pick you up or will pay for your pick- up, if they are unable to pick you up. You will be informed of all the details before your arrival.

### **Is the application fee refundable?**

It is only refundable if Prince George HomeStay is unable to find a placement for you. Please note that CAD\$50 off the refund will be deducted due to administrative costs.

### **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 family for you.

### **Can I change my homestay if I do not like it?**

Changing the homestay is possible if the Host does not follow the rules outlined in the Homestay Agreement. In all other circumstances, if you want to change your homestay, you will have to explain the reasons and pay a fee of CAD\$100. You will also need to give your Host a notice. All details are included in the Student Handbook that you will receive.

### **How do I find out more information?**

You may ask us to send you the Student Handbook, which includes all the rules and terms of the Homestay Agreement. You can also send us specific questions to: [info@princegeorgehomestay.ca](mailto:info@princegeorgehomestay.ca)

