
Homestay Host FAQ:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Homestay Host! Below are some common questions we receive to help you navigate through this process.

- **What is the application process like?**

1. The first step is filling out our Application Form.
2. You will be requested to provide pictures of your house, a family photo and sign a Homestay Host Family Agreement.
3. Upon review, you will need to provide a valid Criminal Record Check (including a vulnerable sector check) for all people over the age of 18 residing in the household as well as provide valid ID matching the name on the CRC.
4. Once approved, we will schedule an in-home meeting to view the room, living arrangements and to answer any further questions you may have.
5. Wait for your first placement with a homestay student.

- **How much is reimbursement?**

Please contact Apex Homestay for further information regarding reimbursement compensation.

- **Are there any fees associated with becoming a Host Family?**

There are no fees to apply to become a homestay host, but you will be required to provide a valid Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check(s) at your expense.

- **What are the hosting requirements?**

Students must be provided with their own bedroom containing a bed, dresser, desk and chair. Linens and towels should also be provided. Students must have access to a shared bathroom (unless additional option of a separate bathroom is selected). Hosts are required to provide two nutritious meals each day - breakfast and a hot dinner. Should both the host family and student request and agree, lunch can be provided for additional reimbursement. Cleaning supplies, as well as laundry detergent and toilet paper should also be supplied by the host family.

If you are renting a property, we recommend that you check your rental agreement and secure your landlord's permission, if required.

We also recommend that you ensure your home insurance policy covers accommodating short-term guests within your home.

- **What is the average length of a homestay student?**

Lengths of student visits vary but are typically in the range of 4-24 weeks, with some students opting to extend their stay after arrival. Arrivals typically take place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and students typically arrive at their homestay 1-2.5 hours after their plane lands.

Some students opt to have Airport Pick Up & Drop off services while others choose to arrange their own transportation to your home. Students are requested to come straight to their homestay upon arrival.

- **Am I required to provide daily transportation to the student?**
Students are responsible for getting to and from school themselves. Host families should show the student around the neighbourhood and where the nearest bus/Skytrain is located.

- **What are the tax implications of becoming a homestay host?**
Hosts are responsible for managing their own tax affairs. We are unable to provide tax advice.

The Host acknowledges that they are providing accommodations directly to students arranged by Apex Homestay and are not an employee or contractor of the company. Reimbursements made by Apex Homestay to the Host represent reimbursement or pass-through of student accommodation fees and do not constitute employment or service income. Accordingly, Apex Homestay is not required to issue a T4A or other income slip, and the Host is responsible for reporting any applicable income to the Canada Revenue Agency.