Important Homestay Information

All Homestay applications must be accompanied by a U.S. $125.00 check or international money order made payable to **Intensive English Language Center**. The fee is non-refundable.

Your Homestay application should be received at least four (4) weeks before you wish to begin homestay. If your application is received less than four (4) weeks before your arrival you may have to make temporary arrangements (hotel, etc.) prior to beginning your homestay.

Please make certain that you read, understand, and complete all items on the Homestay Program Application.

First quarter students who apply for the homestay program **must** live with their host family for the first full quarter.

Homestay costs are $25.00 per day and include a private room, two meals per day (breakfast and dinner), lunch (if brought from home) and transportation to and from school and school related activities.

Please mail your completed application, contract, and $125.00 application fee to:

**Intensive English Language Center**  
California State University, Bakersfield  
9001 Stockdale Highway 46 MEC  
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022  
U.S.A.
Return this completed form with your picture and a letter of introduction to your host family.

**Personal Information About Yourself:**

Name: __________________________ Telephone #: __________________________

Fax #: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Permanent Home Address: __________________________________________

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Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: __________________________ Age: ____________

Nationality: __________________________ First Language: __________________________

Religion: __________________________

Have you traveled overseas before? ______ If yes, where and when? __________________________

Number of years of English study: __________________________ Speaking Ability: Little Good Fluent

Please circle the item or items below that best describe you personally:

- Personality Characteristics: shy affectionate curious quiet cheerful serious humorous sociable other __________________________

- What activities do you enjoy? studying dancing movies reading watching tv shopping museums hiking cooking sports(specify) __________________________

- What type of movies do you enjoy watching? comedy drama suspense action romance other __________________________

- What qualities do you value in others? loyalty kindness sense of humor patience intelligence honesty __________________________

- What type of music do you enjoy? classical rock folk jazz country popular other __________________________

- What kind of books do you like to read? non-fiction science fiction mysteries classics poetry romance newspapers other __________________________

- What kinds of foods do you like? __________________________

- What kind of foods do you dislike? __________________________

- Are you a vegetarian? yes / no __________________________

- Do you like small children? yes / no __________________________

- Would you like living with a family that has small children? Please explain. __________________________
Explain what kind of family that you would want to live with and why: 

Medical Information About Yourself:
What is the condition of your health? Have you had a tetanus shot? If yes, when?
Do you have any allergies or do you require special medical treatment? If yes, please specify:
Are you allergic to pets? Do you smoke?
Do you have any medical condition(s) that your host family should be aware of? If yes, please explain:

Information About Your Family:
Parents:
Father’s Name Occupation
Mother’s Name Occupation
Brothers and Sisters:
Name Male or Female Birthdate Age
Name Male or Female Birthdate Age
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Others living in the home and their relationship to your family:

Does your family own any pets? yes / no
If yes, what kind of pets are they and what are their names?
Homestay Rules

We want your experience in the United States to be a positive one. As a homestay student, staying in an American home, we ask that you follow a few rules that are considered common courtesy in this culture.

As a homestay student I promise to do the following:

✓ I will be polite, thoughtful, and kind in all situations involving my host family.
✓ I will inform my host family if I am planning to be away for the evening, or if I will arrive home later than expected.
✓ I will keep my bedroom and bathroom clean and in order. I will be responsible for my own personal care needs such as making my bed, washing my clothes, and keeping my bathroom clean.
✓ When my homestay is over, I will leave my room neat and clean. I will take all my belongings with me and not expect my host family to mail anything to me.
✓ I agree not to smoke within my host family’s home unless my host family invites me to do so.
✓ I will offer to help with work around the house.
✓ I will be responsible with the use of the telephone. I will not use the phone after the requested time, and I will pay with a phone card or credit card before I call. I may be asked to pay a telephone deposit.
✓ I will be flexible and understanding of my homestay family.
✓ I will share experiences from my culture with my homestay family.
✓ I will at least try new types of food that are not forbidden in my diet.
✓ I will tell my family where I am going and when I will return.
✓ If invited, I understand my family may want me to help pay some of the expenses for weekend or evening activities. I will discuss with them what part of the expenses they expect me to pay.
✓ I will discuss my weekend plans with my host family several days before the weekend to be sure that my host family does not have plans that include me.
✓ I will discuss transportation with my host family. I will not expect my host family to provide transportation beyond what is specified for school and school related activities. If they offer to take me on shopping or sightseeing trips, I will thank them for their kindness. If I request my host family to take me to a specific place and they agree, I shall offer to pay the host family for their costs for any of these extras they provide and thank them for their kindness.
✓ If there are any misunderstandings or problems regarding my Homestay placement, I will notify the Homestay Coordinator immediately.
✓ I will see this as an adventure in learning about a new culture.
✓ I will take the opportunity of Homestay seriously by participating in host family activities and speaking English whenever possible.
✓ In addition to the general rules written above, I will follow any additional rules set by my individual host family for their home.

LIABILITY
I will not hold CSUB, IELC, and/or the Extended University Division responsible or liable for any injury, accident, illness, death, property loss or damage, or any other loss or damage as a result of my actions while living in homestay. I will pay the cost of repair or replacement of any articles I damage due to carelessness or neglect.

By signing below, I affirm that: (1) I have read and understood the contents of this application; (2) all of the statements on the application are true and accurate as of the date of signature; and (3) I agree to all of the terms and conditions for participation in the IELC Homestay Program as set forth in this application and any other requirements prescribed by CSUB, IELC, and/or the Extended University Division.

Signature of Student: ____________________________ Date: ______________

Signature of IELC Representative: ____________________________ Date: ______________

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