

Living with a family will help you make new friends, learn about Canadian culture, and improve your English. We recommend homestay for most new students.

OUR FAMILIES

Our International Student Coordinator carefully selects families who enjoy meeting students from other parts of the world. **Your homestay family will provide you with three meals a day, a private room, and a warm welcome.**

You will have the chance to practice and improve your English skills with family members. Your homestay family will help you to become comfortable in your new community.

OUR STUDENTS

We match our students and our homestay families as closely as we can. It is important for you to give us as much information as you can about yourself and about the kind of homestay experience you hope to have.

Our International Student Coordinator checks all homestay placements. We provide assistance and support if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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TO APPLY FOR HOMESTAY

Please return this application form with 3 pictures, a letter of introduction and the \$100 homestay placement fee at least two (2) months before the semester begins.

You will receive information about your homestay family approximately one month before the semester begins. Your homestay family will meet you at the Castlegar airport when you arrive.

HOMESTAY FEES

Initial Payments

- \$100 homestay placement fee
- First month's payment \$700

Following Payments

- Each month you must pay your homestay family \$700 per month directly

By applying for homestay you are committing to stay in homestay for the entire semester. If you wish to leave homestay at the end of the semester you must notify your family in writing at least 30 days before you plan to leave.

Name _____ Student Number: _____ Date _____

Name of Selkirk College Program of Study _____

Start date _____ Expected completion date _____

Semester applied for _____ Sex _____ Date of birth _____

Fall	Winter	Male
Spring	Summer	Female

Nationality _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Describe your interests, sports, and hobbies:

Do you play musical instruments _____ If yes, which instrument(s) do you play?
yes no

Do you have any allergies, medical conditions, or disabilities? _____ If yes, please give details
yes no

Do you need a special diet? _____ If yes, please explain
yes no

Do you like children?	Do you smoke?	Will you have a car during your stay?
yes	yes	yes no
no	no	

What kind of homestay family placement would you like?

Students who apply for homestay are expected to stay with their host family for one full semester (approximately 3 months). Students who wish to stay longer may request to do so. If there are problems with your homestay, the International Student Coordinator will meet with the student and the family to discuss the problem and try to find a solution.

1. By making this application, I understand that I am expected to stay with the host family for one full semester.
2. I understand that the first month's homestay payment of \$700 must be paid to Selkirk College no later than one month before my arrival. I agree to pay \$700 to my family each month on the monthly anniversary of the date that I arrive.
3. I agree to get medical insurance when I arrive.
4. I understand that my personal belongings will not be covered by my host family's insurance and that I should obtain my own personal insurance.
5. I understand that if I decide to leave after the first semester I must give my host family written notice 30 days before leaving.
6. I agree to pay for any damages or outstanding expenses, such as telephone bills, before I leave my host family.
7. I give permission to Selkirk College to give the first page of this application to the host family as part of my personal profile.

I have read and understand this Homestay Application Form and I agree to the conditions described above.

The \$100 placement fee must be submitted with this form. Payment may be made by cheque, money order, bank transfer or credit card.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following information:

Credit card type Visa MasterCard

I authorize Selkirk College to charge the following amount to my credit card:

Card #

Expiry date

Card holder's
signature

Submit completed form, a letter of introduction, 3 pictures and the \$100 placement fee to:

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