

Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange ( WISE ), a non profit organization.

**WISE HOMESTAY APPLICATION & STUDENT AGREEMENT (updated 2012 programs)**

**This agreement is to provide information to students who are interested in our homestay programs. The purpose of the agreement is to assure that students fully understand WISE policy, standards, and procedures regarding our homestay. The following information must be read, understood, and signed before the student decides to participate in our program. (Please return the third page with your signature with your application.)**

**PROCEDURES**

- **Homestay Placement Fee, is due in advance and is non refundable. Completion and submission of application constitutes agreement with fees. Placement is based upon program student is enrolled in.**
- **Placements are made upon host availability and student/host preferences as can be accommodated at the time of placement.**

**FEES**

**WISE charges a ONE-TIME placement and support fee for each additional term (\$95) that the student enrolls and continues in homestay. The fee guarantees:**

- **ONE-TIME placement**
- **Proper recruitment and screening of host families**
- **A clean, comfortable and safe homestay environment, with a private bedroom which includes a bed, desk with adequate lighting for studying, a place to store clothing, and some closet space, and internet access with student's own personal computer and accessories.**
- **Host families are required to be proficient in English and speak English at home.**
- **Information provided when placement is confirmed**
- **Post-arrival homestay orientation materials**
- **On-going support throughout the student's stay with a host family**

**If a student requests a change of family, and the request is based on a clear indication that the family is unable to meet the standards of the program, then an additional placement fee WILL NOT be charged for matching the student with a new family. Otherwise, an additional full placement fee will be charged.**

**Students are required to complete and sign a Homestay Contract with the host family. Student placements are for the designated program dates only. A student wishing to extend their stay with their original host family, and the host family agrees, past the original term completion dates will be required to pay a continuation fee of \$95 each forthcoming term/extended stay. The contract details the expectations between the host family and the student. Early departure requires a 15 day advance notice to the family and to WISE. Students should book their arriving flights no earlier than a couple of days before their school program begins.**

**FEES: For students 18 years of age and older:**

<b>Placement fee for 4 weeks ESL, based upon school program or less only:</b>	<b>\$ 195</b>
<b>Placement fee for school programs of 5+ weeks program ESL, or college/university</b>	<b>\$ 295</b>
<b>Placement fee after current term has started:</b>	<b>\$ 345</b>
<b>Term Continuation fee:</b>	<b>\$95</b>

**Payment of placement fee is due with application submission.**

**Optional accounting fee- for students wishing to have an account set with WISE for payment of the monthly stipend. WISE will forward payment to host on a monthly basis on your behalf.**

**Per month accounting fee: \$25**

**Host Family Payment:**

Students pay their host families directly, on a monthly basis, with the initial payment due on the evening of the first day of the program. The fee is determined by the meal plan.

2 meals per day (breakfast and dinner) = \$840.00 per month, (30 days) or \$28.00 per night. \*\* All students placed "with meal" unless otherwise requested and on noted on application.

Room rental/ NO Meals = \$600.00 per month, (30 days) or \$ 20.00 per night.

\* Host families reserve the right to charge a daily late fee (\$5 per day) if homestay fee is not paid on time per the homestay contract completed by student and host.

\$150.00 deposit is given by the student to the host family upon move in. Deposit is fully refundable with proper move out.

\* Students are responsible for their own snacks, bottled drinks, special dietary needs, all lunch foods and paper products.

\*WISE does not receive homestay stipends/fees from students or any other fees other than those listed, unless arranged by special request. Payment account is available.

**TERMS, CONDITIONS, MEDICAL/LIABILITY RELEASE**

In anticipation of my acceptance to participate in the WISE University Homestay program, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the host family and WISE. I agree to attend the mandatory WISE Homestay Orientation presentation as directed in my placement letter unless otherwise excused by the program Director in advance. I also agree that if my behavior is in violation of host family rules or WISE standards of conduct, or if an illness, accident, or injury causes me to terminate the program early, I may become ineligible for continuation in the homestay program.

I hereby release WISE, its Officers, Board of Directors, Agents and employees from any and all current and future claims, charges, costs, and/or causes of action for loss of property, personal injury, illness, accident, or death sustained by me during the time I am in the WISE Homestay Program, whether covered by current insurance or not. I agree that I am covered by my own medical insurance policy.

WISE reserves the right to change the host family before or after the student arrives.

Homestay arrival for ESL programs is open two days before the school program begins. As part of the Homestay Program, participants receive room and board according to the habits and traditions of the family. Students are responsible for preparing their own breakfast and lunch. It is not guaranteed that a specific type of food will be served for dinner, or that there will be a specific schedule for meals. However, dinner typically involves all members of the family, and students' participation will be greatly beneficial to their experience. Students are to participate in after meal clean-up. When away from the Host Family home, participants are responsible for their own meals. Students are not expected to work for room and board; however, participation in the daily home life/clean up is expected. Participants are expected to clean up after themselves in the kitchen and common areas, keep their rooms' tidy and to clean their own bedrooms and bathrooms on a weekly basis.

Most of the families do not live within walking distance to campus. Host families will show the student how to use the bus; however, transportation is the students' responsibility. WISE does not accept requests for close proximity to campus and a private bathroom, since placements are based on availability and preferences of host families. All homestays are located near a local bus stop unless otherwise indicated. Commutes are within a reasonable bus ride travel to school. WISE makes every effort to match students with families according to the student's expressed preference; however, WISE does not guarantee that families will be available who meet all the student's criteria. Should a student choose to return and/or continue to stay with the host family at any time, both parties must honor the WISE relationship and complete all necessary documents, pay all relevant fees, and follow all policies and provisions.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations concern your behavior during your participation in the WISE Homestay Program. Sometimes, due to cultural differences, you may have questions or concerns related to your homestay. The goal of our program is cross-cultural understanding, so in these instances, please feel free to discuss the questions or concerns with the host families or the local WISE Program Staff. WISE is available by phone, email or in person by appointment; or by cell phone for serious emergencies.

1. The student must not break Host Family rules about smoking and alcohol use. This will vary by family. Students are not to engage in intoxicating behaviors.
2. It is illegal in California to consume any alcohol, including beer and wine, if you are less than 21 years old. Drug use, other than medication prescribed by your physician, is strictly forbidden. You must be 18 years of age to smoke in the United States.
3. Students are not allowed to borrow or use the Host Family's vehicles/cars.
4. The student may not have guests in the Host Family's home without their permission. There are no overnight guests of the opposite sex allowed in the homestay.
5. Students under the age of 18 must follow WISE's rules/city laws for curfews.

**6. HOST FAMILY CHANGES**

Students expressing an interest in changing their host family, or who are facing difficulties in establishing a good relationship with their host family, should be directed to communicate with WISE Program Staff. WISE will make an attempt to help the student resolve their personal issue with their family prior to taking any drastic steps like moving them from the homestay. Depending on the reasons for wishing to change families, the Program Director may change the student immediately should there be a clear indication that the family is unable to meet the standards of the program. Under such circumstances, WISE will not charge a placement fee for placement to a new family.

Students expressing an interest to move for reasons other than the family not being able to meet WISE standards, and not actively working toward developing a positive relationship with the family, will be charged an additional relocation fee. The Program Director may need to assess the student's goals and expectations for living with a host family before determining if the student's needs and desires can be reasonably accommodated in a different homestay or within the program. If the student terminates homestay prior to the anticipated last date of occupancy the student must give a 15 day notice, or pay the stipend fee of 15 days. If the host terminates the homestay prior to the anticipated last date of occupancy, the host will refund pro-rated amounts paid in advance with no deductions.

Families in our program represent many ethnicities, and cultural groups. Each of our families has been screened to ensure that the family does meet our standards of a safe, clean, comfortable living environment, and speaks English as the primary language in their home. They represent the diverse cultural heritage of the United States. We do not accommodate special requests with regard to a family's ethnicity or cultural background; and students who feel uncomfortable about this should consider alternatives to homestay.

I have read and understood this agreement and agree to be fully bound by the terms, conditions, rules and regulations of the program as outlined in this agreement.

Student Name: (English writing) : \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature (actual not typed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign, date, and fax the signature page with application to 949-855-8971  
or mail to: WISE, 25422 Trabuco road, suite #105, #343, Lake Forest, CA 92630 USA  
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