

HOST – STUDENT HOMESTAY AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between _____ (student) and _____ (host). The student will be living in the home of the host for a period of at least one school semester (seventeen weeks). The student's move in day was _____.

A. Obligations of Student.

1. **Rent.** Student shall pay \$_____ rent each month, payable in advance on the _____ date of each month.

2. **\$150 Security Deposit.** Security deposit is to be paid to the host upon moving in, and is refundable to the student within 30 days after moving out if there are no unpaid bills, no damages to the host home caused by the student, and the student has given adequate notice before moving out.

3. **Vacation rates** for Homestay are stipulated in the application and orientation materials, and the student and host agree to abide by these rates.

4. **No Smoking or Use of Alcohol.** Smoking is outside only. Student shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol in the house.

5. **Respect for Host's Property.** Student shall at all times respect and use due care to avoid damaging Host's property. Unless otherwise stated in this contract the student has no right to use property of the Host other than bedroom, furniture, bathroom and shared facilities. Student shall keep both student's and Host's property reasonably clean, neat and tidy. Host's permission to use Host's property shall not be construed as permitting student to allow third persons to use said property.

6. **Utilities.** Student shall not make long distance calls on Host's telephones with Host's permission and shall use a pre-paid calling card to cover the cost of same. Student shall use only reasonable amounts of water, electricity, gas as needed for normal living activities.

7. **Rules of Conduct.** Student at all times shall adhere to Sierra College Code of Conduct while residing in Host's home. Student shall at all times adhere to Host's reasonable rules including to obtain permission to bring guests into Host's home; and to notify Host if student will be late to prepared meals, turn-in time or other standing family events or deadlines.

8. **Termination.** Student can terminate his/her stay at the Host home by giving twenty days written notice to both Host and the College advisor, using the form supplied by College which is available on line at <http://www.sierracollege.edu/Programs/internationalStu/housing.html>

If student quits the premises prior to said twenty days, he/she shall forfeit the balance of rent paid for that month as well as his/her deposit.

B. Obligations of Host.

1. **Dwelling.** During the term hereof Host shall provide student with a private bedroom and a shared or private bathroom, towels and linens, a study desk, sufficient bedroom lighting for studying, use of laundry facilities, use of kitchen facilities, and shall provide some prepared meals each week.
2. **Mutual Respect.** Host shall respect student's privacy and religious needs, and avoid damaging student's property. Host shall refrain from any harassment or other illegal conduct toward student.
3. **Reporting.** Host shall report to College any unexplained absence by student, and shall report any illegal conduct.
4. **Termination.** Host can end the student's stay at Host home on twenty days written notice to student and to the College Homestay Advisor, along with a refund of the balance of rent paid for that month, and any unused Security Deposit.

C. **Other.** The terms and provisions hereof shall remain in effect for at least the duration of the homestay, and shall not be modified except by a writing signed by both Host and student. It is expected that this placement shall last at least one semester. Problems can and do arise between Host and student from time to time, and it is expected that the parties will communicate freely with each other in a reasonable attempt to work out such problems informally. If the student and the Host cannot work out their problems informally, the parties agree to speak with the Homestead Advisor.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, Sierra College will not be held financially or otherwise responsible for disagreements between the student and host, or for misconduct by either.

We, Student and Host, agree to abide by this agreement for the duration of the Homestay.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Host

Date

