

Elgin Community College International Student Homestay Program Host Family Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a host family for an international student attending Elgin Community College (ECC). The Center of Global Engagement at ECC is pleased to offer the International Student Homestay Program to international students enrolled full-time at ECC in a degree program, the Intensive English Program, or an ECC sponsored Special Program. Hosting an international student is a unique opportunity for individuals to connect with the global community.

Applying for the International Student Homestay Program as a Host Family

To apply, please submit the following items:

1. Read, complete, and sign the Host Family Application for the ECC International Student Homestay Program.
2. Read, complete, and sign the Program Information, Policies, and Agreement for Host Families for the ECC International Student Homestay Program.
3. Submit a letter of introduction describing your family and a current photo of all individuals living in the home.
4. Submit a copy of your homeowners/renter's insurance policy.
5. Submit a copy of your auto insurance policy and copies of valid driver's licenses for all licensed drivers living in the host home and if applicable, for any other drivers arranged by your family.
6. Submit the above documents by email to international@elgin.edu or by mail to:
Elgin Community College
Center for Global Engagement
1700 Spartan Drive
Elgin, IL 60123
7. Prospective hosts are required to complete a background once they have completed the required site visit. Payment for the background check is made directly by the host to the agency conducting the background check. ECC reimburses all hosts for the cost of the background checks. Background checks are required for every potential host and any adult age 18 or older living in the host's home, including adult children away at college who return home for vacations, holidays, etc. For complete details and information on the screening process and background checks, please refer to the Screening of Host Families and Background Checks section as outlined in the *Program Information, Policies, and Agreement for Host Families* for the ECC International Student Homestay Program

Host applications are accepted throughout the year. The International Student Homestay Program does not guarantee a homestay placement.

Host Information

Date of application:

Current address:

Primary Host #1 Information (this should be completed by the primary contact for the homestay application):

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred First Name:

Sex: Male Female

Gender Identity:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Marital Status: Single Married Common Law Separated Divorced Widowed
Other:

Occupation:

Mobile phone:

Secondary phone:

Email address:

Native language:

Other languages spoken:

Primary Host #2 Information (this should be completed by the secondary contact for the homestay application):

First Name/Given Name:

Last Name:

Preferred First Name:

Sex: Male Female

Gender Identity:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Marital Status: Single Married Common Law Separated Divorced Widowed
Other:

Occupation:

Mobile phone:

Secondary phone:

Email address:

Native language:

Other languages spoken:

How did you hear about the International Student Homestay Program?

Family Members

Please provide the following information about other individuals living in the household:

Adults (age 18 and older)

Surname	First Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Profession	Relation to Host
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Children (age 17 and under)

Surname	First Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Relation to Host
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Emergency Contact

Name:

Mobile phone:

Home phone:

General Housing Information

All homestay options are required to provide two meals (breakfast and dinner) daily. Please indicate the type of homestay placement(s) you are willing to offer (note: homestay fees are the same regardless if a student chooses a private or shared room):

Homestay *without* transportation: \$750 per month

Homestay *with* transportation to and from school: \$950 per month

Special Programs *with* transportation: \$32 per night

Many host families may be willing to host a student but require assistance with hosting a student when they are away on vacation. Would you be willing to host a student for 1-14 nights while a student's assigned host family is out of town? Yes No If yes, please specify any restrictions.

How long would you like to host a student?

1 semester

2 semesters

Holidays/Vacations/Emergencies

Special Programs

No Preference

Gender Preference: Male Female No Preference

Are you willing to host a non-traditional/adult student or short-term scholar? Yes No

Describe the area of your home. Urban Suburban Rural

Describe the type of home. Single family home Apartment/Condo Townhouse

Are you able to provide the student with their own room? Yes No

Students in the program are allowed to share a room with another student in the program. Are you able to accommodate more than one student? Yes No

Will the student share a bathroom with anyone? Yes No If yes, with whom?

Please describe the laundry facilities to which the student has access.

Do any members in your household smoke? Yes No

May the student smoke in your home? Yes No

If no, will you permit smoking outside of your home? Yes No

If the student is at least 21 years of age, may they drink alcohol in your home? Yes No

Are you open and able to meet special dietary restrictions of a student (medical, religious, vegetarian, allergies, etc.)? Yes No

Do any members of your household follow particular diets? Yes No If yes, please specify:

Do you have any pets? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

Type of Animal

Breed

Name

Do any of your pets have a bite history or could they be considered vicious or aggressive? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Arrival Information

Homestays begin on the Saturday before New International Student Orientation or before Intensive English Program testing (October and March). Most international students will require airport pickup from Chicago O'Hare International Airport and, as a host family, you should plan to provide airport pickup service (a \$100 fee is payable by the student to you for this service).

Are you willing to provide airport pickup? Yes No

Transportation

Who will be primary person responsible for transporting the student to and from ECC?
Name:

How many miles is your home from ECC's main campus?

Is there a bus stop near your home? Yes No If yes, please specify:

Will you host a student who currently owns or plans to purchase a car? Yes No
If yes, please describe parking availability and/or restrictions:

Do you understand that ECC does not provide individual transport to and from the campus? Yes No

Lifestyle and Interests

What are your expectations in hosting an international student?

Please describe any international travel or hosting experience you have had.

Please describe the type of special interests and/or hobbies that you and/or your family enjoy.

What types of places and experiences do you wish to share with the student?

What religion do you practice (if any)?

Are you willing to host a student who practices a different religion than your own? Yes No

Would you decline placement of a student from a specific country, region or religion? Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Would you be comfortable hosting a student who is gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgender? Yes No

Please list any medical or physical conditions you or members of your household have that may impact your ability to host a student.

Can you accommodate a student who needs special accommodations to live independently in a homestay (e.g. a student who uses a wheelchair)? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Do you or any members of your household have any psychological or emotional conditions that would affect your participation as a host family? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Host Family Screening Information

All host family applicants are required to complete the following section in full. Failure to disclose pertinent information may result in an application being denied or removal from the program.

Has any person living in your household ever been convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Has the Department of Health and Human Services ever made a finding against a member of your household? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Do you or any member of your household own a firearm? Yes No

If yes, please describe storage and safety precautions:

Do you or any member of your household have a history of alcohol, drug, or sexual abuse? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Please list three references who have known you (and members of your household if applicable) for at least two years.

Reference Name	Relationship to Host	Phone	Years Known
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Additional Information

Please note any additional information you wish to include with your application.

Although all attempts are made to promote a positive and safe homestay experience, Elgin Community College is not responsible for the lifestyle, schedule, behavior, philosophy, religious affiliation or occupation of the student. By signing below, I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate; that I have familiarized myself with the ECC International Student Homestay Program by reading all the information contained within the Homestay Application and Agreement; that I understand the application process will include a home visit, an interview conducted by the Center for Global Engagement and inquiries about me and members of my household if applicable; and that all members of my household aged 18 or older must undergo a background check. Additionally, I certify I give my permission for my housing information to be released to the student's parents, guardian and/or agent. I understand that once I am assigned a homestay student, I am obligated to participate in the homestay for the duration of time as specified in the Homestay Agreement. I have read and understand the Host Family Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by the code of conduct when hosting a student.

Signature of Host #1: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Host #2: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Adults Living in the Home (age 18 and older)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____