



GLOBAL STUDY CONNECTIONS

HOST FAMILY AGREEMENT

This Host Family Agreement is made this ___ day of _____, 201_ by and among _____ and _____ of _____, Maine (the “Host Family”), and Global Study Connections (the “GSC”). This Agreement sets forth the obligations of the Host Family and other expectations for participation in GSC’s Homestay Program.

Whereas GSC operates an International Student Program and associated Homestay Program (collectively, the “Program”) which seeks to enroll foreign national students in private and public schools in the United States; and

Whereas GSC seeks to assist students in the Program in finding suitable accommodations with responsible host families; and

Whereas the Host Family seeks to house a foreign student while the student is participating in the Program in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

Now, therefore, the undersigned Host Parent(s), on behalf of the Host Family, acknowledge and agree as follows:

A. Program Participation.

1. All members of the Host Family’s household desire to host a foreign student, and understand that the placement of a student in their home cannot be guaranteed.
2. The Host Family understands that some students may withdraw from the Program with very short notice and further understands that such circumstances are beyond the control of GSC.
3. The Host Family will serve as responsible adults in place of the Student’s parent(s) throughout the duration of the Student’s stay.
4. The Host Family agrees to comply with the guidelines set forth in the Homestay Handbook as well as all local, state, and federal laws. The Host Family agrees to establish its own rules for conduct within the home and to share these rules with the Student.

B. Provision of Suitable Accommodations.

1. The Host Family will provide the Student suitable housing in their home, located at _____.

2. Housing will begin on _____, 20__, and will end on _____, 20__.

3. The Host Family will provide a clean, orderly, pleasant, supportive and safe learning environment for the Student in their home, including but not limited to adequate sleeping quarters, suitable furnishings (*e.g.* desk, chair, bed, reading lamps), necessary household items (*e.g.* towels, linens, blankets, pillow), and reasonable access to bathroom and laundry facilities as well as other common areas of the Host Family's home.

5. The Host Family will allow in-home visits by GSC representatives prior to and during the Student's stay. GSC will be allowed to inspect the bedroom before occupancy by the Student and the Host Family agrees not to change the bedroom without express written consent of GSC.

C. Provision of Nutritious Food.

1. The Host Family will provide the Student with three (3) healthy meals a day and have snacks available in the home. School lunch may be a brown bag lunch or the Host Family can reasonably assist the Student to purchase lunch at school.

D. Academic and Social Support.

1. The Host Family will provide an environment that is conducive to studying and the completion of homework (*e.g.* supervised internet access) and demonstrate a supportive interest in the Student's academic progress.

2. The Host Family will provide and/or arrange transportation for the Student to and from school, including athletic events and practices, school clubs and other extracurricular activities.

3. The Host Family will involve the Student in their family activities and outings, and encourage and support the Student to participate in social and recreational activities outside of the Host Family and school environments. It is understood that the goal of the Program is to integrate the Student into the home and community to the greatest extent possible.

4. The Host Family will establish and communicate reasonable weekday and weekend curfews for the Student.

5. The Host Family will show the Student local places of interest during his or her stay and will include the Student in family activities. The Host Family is not required to

pay for the Student's entertainment. The Host Family will provide regular opportunities for the Student to shop for clothing and personal items.

6. The Host Family agrees to report any school tardiness or absences to GSC.

7. The Host Family will provide monthly reports via email on the behavior, educational progress, and well-being of the Student.

E. Confidentiality and Student Privacy.

The Host Family will keep all information of a private nature about the Student confidential, including but not limited to health, financial, and disciplinary information, and will only share such private information with GSC or school officials if the host parents believe that such disclosure would be in the best interest of the Student.

F. Student Safety.

1. The Host Family will instruct the Student on the appropriate course of action in the event of a fire, natural disaster, and other emergencies.

2. The Host Family will set clear, reasonable and age-appropriate rules for the Student and ensure that such rules are clearly understood.

3. The Host Family will provide the Student with a key to the home.

4. The Host Family agrees that, as part of the screening process, it must provide the full names and dates of birth of each person age 16 and over who resides in the home. This will enable the School to perform a criminal record check and check the appropriate State Sex Offender Registry. If any persons move into the home after the date this Agreement has been signed, or after the Student arrives, the Host Family must notify GSC immediately (within 24 hours) and provide the full name and date of birth for each such person.

5. The Host Family will not permit any renters or boarders to stay in their household during the Student's stay.

6. The Host Family will not permit the Student to operate any motorized vehicles, regardless of whether such vehicle is primarily used for family or business purposes. Additionally, the Student will be instructed in the proper use of helmets for biking and the use of seatbelts.

7. The Host Family will not permit the Student to use illicit drugs or alcohol.

8. No members of the Host Family will make any improper physical advances toward the Student.

9. The Host Family will not expect the Student to maintain their home, yard, cook meals, or babysit children. Reasonable chores similar to those performed by other household members can be assigned.

10. The Host Family agrees never to leave the student alone or unsupervised overnight, regardless of the student's age.

11. The Host Family will secure medical treatment for the Student in the case of a medical emergency and will facilitate access to medical treatment for the Student as requested by the Student or GSC if such treatment is reasonably available.

G. Notice to GSC.

1. In the event of a significant misunderstanding or issue between one or more members of the Host Family and the Student, the Host Family will promptly contact GSC and discuss the best course of action; however, it is understood that GSC may be unable to resolve the misunderstanding or issue.

2. In the event that the Host Family learns that the Student has violated one of GSC's policies or procedures, including but not limited to those listed in the GSC Host Parent Handbook or the Homestay Student Guidelines, the Host Family will immediately notify GSC.

3. When the Student moves out of the Host Family's household or indicates his/her desire to move out, the Host Family will immediately notify GSC.

4. The Host Family will provide all notifications required under this Agreement to only GSC and will provide such notifications in a timely manner.

5. In the event of a medical incident or medical emergency involving the Student, the Host Family will immediately contact GSC.

H. Financial Considerations.

1. GSC will pay to the Host Family the following monthly stipend to cover the cost of the Student's homestay with the Host Family during the period the Student actually resides with the Host Family ("Homestay Stipend"). The total sum to be paid to the Host Family pursuant to this Agreement, and the School's limit of financial responsibility, shall be:

\$_____ per month up to a total of \$_____

Such amount shall cover the entire homestay period (September through June) and shall be paid on the first day of each month.

2. The Host Family cannot charge the Student any additional fees.
3. The Host Family and the Student may not lend or borrow any money from each other.
4. It is the Student's responsibility, and not GSC's, to pay for any damage that he/she causes to any of the Host Family members' property.
5. The Student must pay for any charges that he/she incurs, such as long distance telephone calls, including charges that are due after the student has left. The Host Family will advise the Student to use phone cards for all long distance calls.
6. **Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, in the event of termination of this Agreement under Section J (1), (2), or (3) below, it is expressly understood that such termination shall cancel GSC's obligation to continue any remaining monthly installments. Thus, if the Host Family or GSC cancels this Agreement on October 27th, then GSC shall have no liability or responsibility to pay the installment on November 1st or any subsequent monthly installment.**

I. Required Insurance.

1. The Student's parent / guardian are responsible for ensuring that the Student is covered by medical insurance that provides coverage for illness and injuries throughout the entire duration of his/her stay. The Host Family and GSC are not responsible for any medical expenses incurred as a result of illness or injury of the Student throughout the entire duration of his/her stay.
2. The Host Family represents to GSC that it has customary and suitable homeowners' insurance (\$300,000 Limit of Liability) and automobile liability insurance (\$300,000 Combined Single Limit of Liability) and covenants that it will maintain such insurance throughout the entire duration of the Student's stay. **The Host Family agrees to provide to the School suitable evidence that such insurance is in place.**
3. The Host Family is advised to contact their homeowner's insurance to inform the company that they will be housing a foreign student. This is most likely a requirement of the insurance policy.

J. Termination of Agreement.

1. It is expected that the Host family will house the Student during the entire term specified in Section B.2. above. In the event that the Host Family determines that it wishes to terminate this Agreement before the end of the term, the Host Family shall notify GSC in writing and shall include the reasons it wishes to terminate the Agreement. GSC shall immediately make reasonable efforts to find new housing for the Student. Nevertheless, the Host Family shall continue to provide housing for a minimum of 60 days from the date of its written notice to GSC in order to provide GSC sufficient time to find new housing for the Student.

2. GSC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to immediately terminate this Agreement. When practicable, in the sole judgment of GSC, GSC will endeavor to provide 7 days written notice to the Host Family of termination. In the event of an emergency situation, the GSC shall terminate this Agreement immediately. An “emergency situation” includes the following:

- inappropriate touching of a student;
- illicit drugs or other illegal items in the home;
- inadequate meals, care, or supervision;
- physical altercations in the home;
- unsafe or inadequate accommodations;
- abusive, aggressive, or disrespectful behavior toward the student.

3. The Host Family understands that if they do not meet the standards and obligations set forth in this Agreement and in the Host Parent Handbook which is incorporated herein by reference, the Student shall be immediately moved from the Host Family’s home. Further, the Host Family understands that personality and/or character conflicts may arise and that unresolved conflicts of this nature may make moving the student the best course of action.

K. Waiver of Claims; Indemnification.

1. The Host Family understands and agrees that GSC is not responsible for the actions of the Student during his/her stay in the Host Family’s home, including without limitation damage to the Host Family’s home or property and costs or any expenses incurred by the Student (such long distance telephone costs or medical / dental costs). GSC does not insure the Host Family’s personal property of any description.

2. The Host Family hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless GSC, all of its past, present and future board members, officers, agents and employees in their

individual and official capacities (hereinafter, individually and collectively, “Indemnitees”) against any and all damages to property or injuries to or death of any person or persons, including property and employees or agents of the Indemnitees, and shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Indemnitees from any and all claims, demands, suits, actions or proceedings of any kind or nature (including without limitation those based on, asserting or arising out of negligence of Indemnitees and claims for attorneys’ fees) (“Claims”), in any way resulting from or arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Claims to which this provision applies include, without limitation, the following: (a) Claims made or asserted by the Student or his/her parents for personal or emotional injuries to the Student suffered while under the care or supervision of the Host Family; (b) Claims made or asserted by the Student or his/her parents for property damage suffered during the homestay arrangement; (c) Claims resulting from or arising out of the Student’s actions, or failure to act, while a resident in the Host Family’s home (including claims related to damage to the home or property within the home that may have been caused by the Student). The Host Family further agrees to repay all legal costs and other expenses incurred by Indemnitees in connection with enforcement of the provisions in this paragraph.

L. Assignment.

This Agreement may not be transferred or assigned by the Host Family.

M. Law Governing.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maine without regard to its conflict of law provisions.

N. Entire Agreement.

This Agreement, the Host Parent Handbook, and other documents expressly incorporated by reference herein contain the entire understanding between and among the parties and supersedes any prior understandings and Agreements among them respecting the subject matter of this Agreement.

[Signature page follows]

The parties hereto have executed this Host Family Agreement as of the date first written above.

Host Parent #1

I, _____ have read the above expectations and guidelines and
(please print name)

agree to comply with all of them.

(Host Parent Signature)

Date

Host Parent #2

I, _____ have read the above expectations and guidelines and
(please print name)

agree to comply with all of them.

(Host Parent Signature)

Date

Global Study Connections

Date