

HOMESTAY INFORMATION



An Introduction to the Abbotsford Homestay Program

Quality homestays for our international students are a top priority for our program. We believe that if a student is happy in his or her homestay, their experience overseas will be a much more happy and memorable one.

Our Selection Process:

All our homestay families are selected with the utmost care. Perspective families must first attend an information session where they are provided with an introduction to the expectations of the homestay program. Once they make the decision to apply, the family goes through a rigorous screening process. This includes a home visit where our Homestay Coordinator interviews all of the family members and inspects the home. Additionally, the family must provide a number of character references with their application and each adult family member must pass a criminal record check. This extensive interview process helps us determine which families would be best for our international students.

Training and Seminars:

Once they are selected as homestay families, training is received in order to ensure that there will be a smooth transition for the new student. There are two training sessions that homestay families attend per year, plus families have access to help throughout the year.

What Can You Expect From An Abbotsford Homestay?

- One international student per home
- A clean and private bedroom which includes:
 - Comfortable bed (including linen, duvet cover, blanket, two pillows)
 - Night table, dresser, lamp, alarm clock
 - Work desk with a chair and sufficient lighting
 - Closet and mirror
- Three meals every day and nutritious snacks
- Access to a bathroom, laundry and other facilities

Constant Monitoring:

Our International Assistants assist with our homestay placements by visiting the students in their new Canadian homes and helping with communication if necessary. As the students maintain constant contact with the International Assistants, they are able to assist with any problems that may arise throughout the year.



School District No. 34 (Abbotsford)
International Program

STUDENT HOMESTAY APPLICATION

Office Use Only	
School Placement: _____	
School Year: _____	Arrival Date: _____
Airport Reception Yes No	

Canada is a proud multicultural country. People living in Canada are from countries from all around the world. The Abbotsford homestay hosts are diverse; they vary in ages, lifestyles, expectations, and customs. All homes and hosts are thoroughly screened. In order to be an approved homestay, all hosts must comply with our strict standards, expectations, and guidelines. ***I is important that you submit a complete application form, in English, as it will assist the Homestay Coordinator in selecting the best homestay for you. Incomplete forms will be returned and student registration will be delayed.***

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Birth date <small>Month/Day/Year</small>	Country of Birth	Citizenship
List the people in your family					
Name	Age	Relationship	Name	Age	Relationship
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Preferred Characteristics of Homestay Family (please check yes or no below)					
Children Age 0-12 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Couple with no children	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Teenagers Age 13 - 19 Years	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Older Couple	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you like pets? Dogs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you like pets? Cats?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have pets?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, what kind?		
Do you smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Can you live with smokers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Please list any dietary restrictions					
Do you have allergies to	<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs	<input type="checkbox"/> Cats	<input type="checkbox"/> Pollen	<input type="checkbox"/> Grass	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Other
If you answered other please describe:					
Do you have a medical condition that requires special attention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe:		
Have you ever travelled outside your country?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If so, where and for how long?		
Describe your personality			Interests	Family Life	
<input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Be with friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Want to be part of the family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friendly	<input type="checkbox"/> Quiet/Shy	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer religious family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adaptable	<input type="checkbox"/> Like to be alone	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes music	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play with children	<input type="checkbox"/> Want an active family	
<input type="checkbox"/> Talkative	<input type="checkbox"/> Easily worried		<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to go new places	<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to play with children	
<input type="checkbox"/> Humorous	<input type="checkbox"/> Will ask for help			<input type="checkbox"/> Likes to go new places	

List four of your favourite sports, leisure time activities, hobbies and extracurricular activities:

What do you do with your family when you have free time?

What do you like to do with your friends when you have free time?

Have you spent time learning about multi-cultural Canada and family life?

What expectations do you have of your host family?

What are the rules in your home?

What time is your curfew? _____

What are your favourite foods?

How long do you study each day? _____ Play on the computer? _____

Will you bring a computer from your home to your homestay? _____

Will you attend an after school tutoring program? If so, which one? _____

Participation Agreement

I understand and appreciate that the opportunity to live in a homestay provides a valuable opportunity to learn about other families and cultures. I understand and accept that all my preferences may not be met. I have read the International Student Handbook provided by Abbotsford School District and agree to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of personal behaviour while living in a district approved homestay. While living with a homestay family, I will take part in household activities and family life. I will obey family rules and show respect for all family members. I understand that a copy of this application will be sent to my homestay host.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Please return by mail or fax to:
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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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