

Have you traveled outside your country before? Yes___ (Where:_____) No___

Have you ever participated in a homestay before? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please rate your homestay experience: Very good___ Okay___ Not good___

If yes, please tell where, when, and for how long.

How much interaction and conversation with your homestay host(s) do you prefer?

___ Every day. I want daily conversation.

___ Several times a week or on weekends.

___ A few times a week. I'm very independent and prefer to interact infrequently.

What are your plans after you complete your English studies at TIEP?

Languages

What is your native language?_____ What other language(s) do you speak?_____

What is your English speaking ability? Very high___ High___ Medium___ Low___ Very low___

Transportation

Homestays are generally located within a 5-10 mile radius of TIEP. Public transportation is available, and many students rely on public transportation to get to and from school.

How do you plan to get to school? I plan to ride the bus. ___ I plan to have my own car. ___

Accommodations

Check the items below that you consider very important to your homestay placement. It may not be possible to meet all requests.

___Internet access ___ private bathroom ___cable TV ___quiet study space

Meals/Food

How many meals do you plan to eat at the homestay each day?

Weekdays (Monday–Friday): Breakfast___ Lunch___ Dinner___

Weekends (Saturday & Sunday): Breakfast___ Lunch___ Dinner___

Are there any foods you cannot eat? No___ Yes___ please specify_____

Would you like to use the homestay host's kitchen to prepare some of your own meals? Yes___ No___

Household Members

- Are you willing to live with homestay hosts who are more than 60 years old? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to live with a single person (no children at home)? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to live in a single parent household with children? Yes___ No___
- Are you willing to live in a household with another international student? Yes___ No___
- Would you accept a homestay with children in the household? Yes ___ No ___
- If yes, would you prefer: Young children (under 6 years old)? Yes___ No___ No preference___
 Older children (between 6 and 16)? Yes___ No___ No preference___

Pets:

Many American households have one or more pets, such as dogs, cats, birds, or fish.

- Would you accept a homestay with animals inside the house? Yes___ No___
- If yes, what size of dogs would you accept?
 Large (over 25 kg) _____ Medium (15-20 kg) _____ Small (under 10 kg) _____
- Do you have any known allergies to animals? Yes___ No___
- If **yes**, please specify: _____

Smoking

- Do you smoke? Yes ___ No ___
- If **yes**, would you be willing to smoke outdoors? Yes ___ No ___
- If **no**, would you accept a homestay in which some household members smoke? Yes ___ No ___

Alcohol

***** Persons under 21 years of age are not allowed by law to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages in the United States.**

- Do you drink alcoholic beverages? Yes ___ No ___
- If **no**, can you live in a home that permits alcohol? Yes ___ No ___

Religious Activities

- What is your religious affiliation (if any) _____
- How often do you attend religious services? Often___ Sometimes___ Rarely___ Never___
- Would you feel comfortable living with a host who does not attend religious services or who attends services different from your own? Yes___ No___ Uncertain___

Comments _____

Personal Characteristics

Check all that apply to **you**:

- Independent Open Quiet Shy Serious Studious
- Humorous Neat Messy Talkative Outgoing Social

Please describe yourself:

Hobbies and Interests

Please describe some hobbies and activities you enjoy doing in your free time. (Examples: movies, music, dancing, art, computer, video games, shopping, camping...)

Please list some sports that you enjoy doing or watching.

Which type of homestay do you prefer? Quiet___ Busy/Active___ Sometimes quiet & sometimes busy___

Health

Do you have any serious allergies (animals, food, medicine) or medical conditions (including any physical limitations or emotional problems) that your host should know about? Yes___ No___

If yes, please explain:

Please list any prescription medications that you are currently taking.

Medication: _____ Frequency: _____

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Please give us any additional information that would help us in selecting a homestay host for you. If you have specific needs for your homestay, please write them below.

HOMESTAY POLICIES

TIEP coordinates homestay placements for students who are at least 18 years of age and who are studying at TIEP at the start of the homestay period. Homestays are for a minimum of 6 weeks. TIEP accepts homestay applications only from students that TIEP feels will be successful in a homestay based on their applications. Not all students will be accepted. TIEP will notify you after your application has been reviewed to inform you of your status.

Students are not guaranteed placement with any specific type of homestay host (for example, race, ethnic group, marital status, religion). Members of homestay households are a variety of ages and can include children, single adults, single parents, couples without children, or retired people. Homestay hosts are chosen with care. All of the homestay hosts are prescreened via a written application, a home visit, an interview, and criminal and credit background checks. Placement with a homestay host is based on a number of factors including the type of student the homestay host is looking for, the information the student provides on the Student Application for Homestay form, and the availability of homestays. TIEP tries to place students in homestays that match their backgrounds, preferences, and interests with hosts.

The homestay application fee is \$250.00. This covers expenses related to TIEP's homestay matchmaking service. Payment can be made by credit card, check, or money order. The application fee is due at least 30 days before the day the student would like to begin the homestay. The \$250.00 application fee is refundable only if TIEP cannot find and offer the student a homestay by the date the student wants to begin living with the homestay host. The homestay application is valid for one year from the date of receipt of the application fee.

Homestay hosts are not employees or agents of TIEP, and the student assumes all risk associated with injury or loss arising from living in the homestay, including the behavior of hosts. All students placed with homestay hosts must agree to the terms of the *Waiver, Release, and Assumption of Risk for Homestay Hosts and Students*.

I certify that all of the information I have provided on this Student Application for Homestay form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I agree to the above homestay policies.

I understand that TIEP acts only as an agent to bring students and homestay hosts together. I understand that TIEP does not maintain supervision over the homestay environment and cannot control or be held responsible for the acts or omissions of any individuals who may act as homestay hosts.

I understand and agree that there are unavoidable risks, including injury or death that may occur while residing in a homestay. I agree that I have been fully informed of the risks and have had an opportunity to ask questions. I accept full responsibility for my actions and possessions and will not hold TIEP responsible in any way for loss, illness, or injury arising from any homestay in which I may participate. I release TIEP and the Texas International Education Consortium, their respective agents and employees, from all actions, suits, claims, or demands of any nature which may arise from my participation in a homestay, including actions of the homestay hosts.

Applicant Signature

Date