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HOMESTAY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Submit your application at least 4 weeks in advance of the session you plan to attend.
- Include a placement fee: a non-refundable U.S. \$100.00 check or international money order made payable to ALCI – CSU, Chico. If you prefer to make payment by your credit card (VISA / MasterCard), submit the Credit Card Payment Authorization Form.
- Make certain that you read, understand, and complete all items on the Student Application for Homestay and Student Homestay Contract.
- Return the application and a \$100 placement fee to:

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HOMESTAY FEE:

- Homestay fee will be calculated based on \$200 per week and \$29 per extra day. For example, a 7-week stay for fall and spring is \$1,400 and a 5-week stay for *summer is \$1,000.*
Note: Rates are subject to change without notice
- When your host family is selected by ALCI, you will also receive the payment amounts and due dates. The payment must be made directly to the family either by cash or check.
- Payment is due prior to agreed dates. The payment for the entire first session is due on the date that you move into your host family's house. Payments for the following sessions are due at the beginning of each session.
- Homestay placement fee is required for placement with one family. If student request to change to another host family after placement has been confirmed, the homestay placement fee is required.

APPLICATION FOR HOMESTAY

Please fill out this application completely so that ALCI can we can match you with a host family. Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Country Postal Code

Sex: ___Male ___Female Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Nationality: _____ First Language: _____

Religion: _____

List your immediate family members (only parents and siblings; dont include aunts, uncles, and cousins):

Is this your first time to live the U.S.? ___Yes ___No

If no, where and when did you live? _____

Length of Homestay: from which session _____ how many session _____
Others (please specify) _____

Please check ALL items below that describe you:

___shy ___friendly ___curious ___quiet ___cheerful ___serious
___humorous ___sociable Others (please specify) _____

What activities do you enjoy?

___studying ___dancing ___movies ___reading ___watching TV
___shopping
___museums ___hiking ___sports Others (please specify) _____

What type of movies do you enjoy?

___action ___romance ___comedy ___drama ___suspense
Others (please specify) _____

What type of music do you enjoy?

___classical ___rock ___jazz ___country ___popular ___alternative
Others (please specify) _____

What kinds of books do you like to read?

___non-fiction ___science fiction ___mystery ___classics ___poetry ___romance
___newspapers Others (please specify) _____

What qualities do you value in others?

___loyalty ___kindness ___sense of humor ___patience ___intelligence
___honesty Others (please specify) _____

What kinds of foods do you like? _____

What kinds of foods do you not like? _____

Are you a vegetarian? Yes No

Do you smoke? Yes No

Would you prefer living with small children (under age 6)? Yes No Either

HEALTH INFORMATION

What is the condition of your health? Excellent Good Fair Poor

Do you have any medical condition(s) that require special treatment? Yes No
If yes, explain _____

Are you allergic to pets? Yes No

Why do you choose HOMESTAY?

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (include information about yourself that you would like your host family to know)

HOMESTAY CONTRACT

We want your living experience in the United States to be a positive one. During your homestay, we ask that you follow a few rules that are considered common courtesy in this culture. We also ask that you think about how you would behave with your own parents and remember to treat your host mothers and fathers with the same respect.

As a homestay student I promise that (please initial every line):

_____ I will pay the full homestay fee according to the schedule that I agree at the beginning of my stay.

_____ I will give my host family a 3-week advance notice when I plan to change my departure date. I agree to arrange an early check out only at the end of the ALCI session.

_____ I will try to be home for family dinners as much as possible. I will inform my host family if I am planning to be away for the evening meal or if I will arrive home later than expected.

_____ I will keep my bedroom and bathroom clean and in order. I will be responsible for my own personal care needs such as making my bed, washing my clothes, and keeping the bathroom clean.

_____ I agree not to smoke in my host family's home unless my host family invites me to do so.

_____ I will offer to help with work around the house.

_____ I will be responsible with the use of the telephone. I will not use the phone after the requested time, and I will pay with a phone card or credit card before I call. I understand that I may be asked to pay a telephone deposit.

_____ I will pay the cost of repair or replacement of an articles I damage due to carelessness or neglect.

_____ I will be flexible and understanding of my host family.

_____ I will share experiences from my culture with my host family.

_____ I will at least try new types of food that are not forbidden in my diet.

_____ I will tell my family where I am going and when I will return.

_____ I will be polite, thoughtful, and kind in all situations involving my host family.

_____ I will honor the curfew that I have established with my host family.

_____ I will not invite my friends to my host family's home unless I have received permission first.

_____ When my homestay is over, I will leave my room neat and clean. I will take all my belongings with me and not expect my host family to mail anything to me.

Please sign here:

Signature of applicant

Date