



Homestay Agreement for Student

This is an Agreement between POLY Languages Institute, Inc. (hereafter "POLY"), the host family (hereafter "HOST"), and the POLY student (hereafter "STUDENT") interested in the homestay arrangement with HOST. This Agreement is set forth for HOST hosting STUDENT during STUDENT's studies at POLY.

- 1) The START DATE of this Agreement shall be the date STUDENT moves into the residence. The LAST DATE of this Agreement shall be the date STUDENT leaves the HOST's residence or the date agreed between HOST and STUDENT if the Agreement is for the period after the first initial 30 days. For the first 30 days, if HOST and STUDENT are not compatible, either party has the right to terminate this Agreement for any reasons.
- 2) The rental rates are published by POLY as follows: *With Meals* (\$36.67/day or \$1,100/30 days); *Without Meals* (\$30/day or \$900/30 days). STUDENT agrees to pay HOST up to the applicable rate, which is established by HOST.
- 3) For the initial 30 days, the rent is due on the START DATE; however, if STUDENT has paid the rent to POLY, the due date of rent shall be within 10 days after the START DATE. For extensions, the rent due cannot be sooner than 5 days prior to the start date of an extension, and the extension period cannot be more than 30 days.
- 4) STUDENT is required to pay \$200 as a security deposit. STUDENT agrees that the security deposit will be held by POLY and paid to the parties agreed by STUDENT and HOST within 30 days of receipt of written requests from both parties. STUDENT agrees to complete the *Security Deposit Request for Homestay* form available at the POLY office within 10 days after STUDENT has moved out. If there is a dispute between HOST and STUDENT, STUDENT agrees that, the security deposit will be held by POLY until it is settled.
- 5) This Agreement is only for the duration of STUDENT's studies at POLY with an extension of 30 days as a grace period. STUDENT forfeits the security deposit held by POLY if the extension of stay with HOST is beyond the grace period. Any agreement between STUDENT and HOST beyond the grace period is independent of POLY. STUDENT agrees to inform HOST of his/her last day at POLY and pay HOST the new security deposit if required.
- 6) If this Agreement is with the *With Meals* option, HOST agrees to provide two meals a day, breakfast and dinner. STUDENT understands that HOST may allow only pre-prepared meals for STUDENT to self-serve. However, STUDENT understands that the arrangement for meal with the HOST members can be only five (5) times per week unless otherwise determined by HOST and STUDENT. STUDENT agrees that no particular type of food or schedule of meals is guaranteed.
- 7) STUDENT agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless POLY and its officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns against and from all claims, actions, suits, liabilities, costs and expenses whatsoever and whensoever arising out of or connected to hosting STUDENT under this Agreement.
- 8) STUDENT acknowledges that STUDENT was advised to visit and interview up to two (2) prospective host families before moving in to HOST's residence. If STUDENT is not a local, STUDENT was advised to book his/her first 30 days in the Student Residence so that STUDENT has time to visit and interview prospective host families prior to making his/her decision. However, STUDENT understands that POLY does not guarantee a room for Student Residence due to its unavailability. STUDENT understands that the hosts are not employees or agents of POLY and that POLY has no control over them other than terminate the agreement and prevent them from hosting future POLY students.
- 9) STUDENT agrees to provide a copy of this Agreement to HOST before the START DATE. STUDENT is also entitled to copy of the *Homestay Agreement for Host Family* before to the START DATE.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - I acknowledge that this Agreement is a binding contract. I have read and understood and agree to all the terms and conditions in this Agreement. Furthermore, I certify the receipt of the *Homestay Guidelines for Students* and agree to adhere to the guidelines.

Name of Student (Print)	Signature of Student	Date
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Homestay Guidelines for Student

There are many benefits to the homestay arrangement for both the student and the host family. However, along with the benefits, there can be many challenges for both sides, especially with the cultural differences and the language barrier. It is our sincere wish that both the student and the host family have a positive experience through this homestay arrangement. We have set the guidelines for both the student and the host family to help build a harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship that will be a positive and rewarding experience for both.

The guidelines, which are set forth for the student, are as follows:

- 1) Follow the house rules and procedures of your host family. Each family will have their own rules and procedures, which should have been explained to you. If you have questions about the house rules or procedures, just ask. Can I use your phone with my calling card? How and when can I do my laundry? Can I bring my friends? Your host family has kindly allowed you to become a part of their family. In return, you need understand what rules the family has and follow them.
- 2) Living with a host family means that you are a part of the family. It is your responsibility to share household chores with your family. Ensure to at least clean up the kitchen after your use and keep your bedroom clean. Be observant and look for ways to be helpful to your family in other areas as well.
- 3) Utility bills are expensive. Be thrifty. Turn off the lights after using them. Try not to take unreasonably long showers or baths. If you are cold, wear extra sweaters and ask your family for extra blankets. Talk to your host family if there are any special rules about thermostat controllers.
- 4) Do not have your guests stay at your host family's house. If want to invite anyone, ask your host family first.
- 5) Let your host family know if you will arrive later than usual. Your host family might be worried. Furthermore, avoid having your host family prepare unnecessary meals if you are not going to be there.
- 6) Participate in as many family activities to which you are invited to. Try to learn about American culture through your experience by spending as much time as possible with your host family. It is one of the best ways to learn English speaking with native speakers in a natural setting. For any activity that requires fees, offer to pay your own cost. For example, if your host family takes to a movie, pay for your cost of the ticket. Your payment does not include for special events or activities.
- 7) Ask your host family about telephone rules since each family has different rules. Do not make long distance phone calls from your host family's phone. Instead, use a calling card, purchase a cellular phone, or make collect calls. Please do not make calls or have people call you late at night using your host family's phone.
- 8) You are responsible for any damage that you may cause to the host family's house. Be careful and ensure that you do not damage the host family's property. If you want to make any changes to your room by moving furniture, placing things on the wall and so on, you must ask your host family first.
- 9) Please do not ask your host family to drive you around too often. Students must be able to take the public transportation to school and other places. Please do not ask your host family to be taxi drivers for you. If you have purchased a bike, ask your host family where the bike can be kept. Generally, no bikes are allowed inside the house, and must be kept outside where permissible by your host family.