

The mission of our Homestay Program is to provide an enriching cultural exchange between students and host families where communication skills are reinforced outside the classroom in a safe and supportive environment.

While you are in MITT Homestay, mutual respect is very important and expected at all times.

PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX TO SAY THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND/OR AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Pay the Homestay fee to my host family on the first day of each month, and pay for any additional nights that I stay with my host family according to the current fee structure, if applicable.
- The Student Life Officer will select a host for me from those available, based on the information I have provided. I understand that MITT cannot guarantee that all my personal preferences will be met. Applications are processed on a first come first serve basis and preference is given to new international students coming from overseas.
- Be responsible for all telephone expenses, including long distance charges and taxes. I will use a long distance telephone card if I use my host family's telephone. I will ask permission to make long distance calls on my host family's phone before I use it. Mobile phone purchases and contracts are my sole responsibility.
- I will not engage in, nor sign any contracts with my host that would incur any financial obligation or responsibility for either party. For example: bank account, mobile phone, rentals, or purchases of any kind.
- Become familiar with and understand the house rules of my homestay family, and follow them.
- Discuss with my hosts any of my special requirements, preferences and interests, so they can understand what I will need to feel comfortable.
- Always tell my hosts if I will be away overnight, and leave a telephone number where I can be contacted.
- Always tell my hosts if I will not be home for the evening meal, or if I will be arriving home late in the evening.
- Ask my hosts' permission before inviting guests to the home.
- Purchase my own toiletries and personal items.
- Clean my own room and change the bed sheets. Clean the bathroom after I use it. Help my hosts clean the dishes after the evening meal. Be prepared to do my own laundry, make my own breakfast and lunch, and assist in household duties as other family members do.
- Arrange for personal insurance for my possessions. Neither MITT nor the hosts will be responsible for the replacement of my possession that are lost or damaged (optional).

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- In cases where I have a problem with my host family, the Student Life Officer will help me talk to my hosts about the problem. Because Canadian customs are different from customs in my country, my hosts may not know that I am feeling uncomfortable. Problems can be solved only if the hosts know about them.
- Where it is not possible to resolve a problem, the Student Life Officer will agree to move me as soon as possible. The Student Life Officer will determine the payment owed.
- Consult the Student Life Officer before I make a decision to move from Homestay.
- Give a minimum of **15 days' notice**, in writing with a Homestay Termination Notice form before moving. Notice can be given on any day of the month.
- After I have given my homestay family 15 days' notice, I agree to pay Homestay fees for the following 15 days, regardless of whether I stay in the homestay for the full 15 days, or not.
- In the event there is a concern for risk of safety to me or others, MITT staff may share information with another MITT host family, in order to place me in an appropriate accommodation. This is in accordance with Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy guidelines.
- Conduct myself with appropriate behavior in Homestay. Inappropriate behaviors in Homestay include, but are not limited to the use or possession of illegal drugs or paraphernalia, sexual relations, intoxication, theft, racism, willful property damage, inappropriate internet usage. Such conduct is prohibited and grounds for immediate removal from the Homestay Program.
- Students who are no longer attending classes are not eligible to live in a MITT homestay. Students deemed inappropriate to attend classes (expelled or withdrawn for lack of attendance), must move out of their Homestay home within an appropriate amount of time, to be determined by the Student Life Officer (usually 24-72 hours but dependent on circumstances). Students are responsible to pay the balance of the 30 day notice to their host family in cases where the student conduct is the reason for the removal from MITT classes or expulsion from MITT.

I understand and agree to all the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Agent's Name

Signature of Agent

Date