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## APPLYING TO BECOME A HOMESTAY FAMILY

Palliser Regional Schools values and respects the contribution made by families in our community who host international students. We feel Homestay is an important aspect in promoting student success. Homestay is a wonderful opportunity to share our culture with others and to learn about other cultures in return. Students come to our division from a number of countries including Europe, Asia, Central and South America.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The program objective is for students to improve their English skills; it is an expectation that English will be spoken in the home in order to provide an immersion environment.

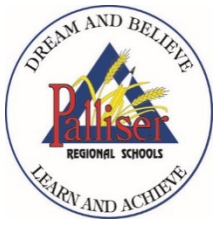
Length of Placement:

- 10 months
- 1 semester (5 months)
- 3 months and 3-6 week camps
- Homestay Fee Payable to You: \$750.00 Per Month per Student Hosted

Student Ages will range from elementary to middle and secondary school aged students

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Complete all sections of the Homestay Family Application form.
2. Mail forms to:  
International Student Program  
Palliser Regional Schools  
#101, 3305-18 Avenue North  
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada T1H 5S1
3. Palliser Regional Schools requires all applicants to submit a Criminal Record Search and a Vulnerable Sector Check for all members of the household 18 years of age or older.
4. You will be contacted to arrange a home visit by the homestay manager. Homestay family guidelines and expectations will be reviewed.
5. Once a student match for your family is found, you will be contacted. Student information will be made available to your family. Homestay families are encouraged to communicate directly with their student prior to their arrival.



**PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS  
HOMESTAY FAMILY APPLICATION**



**DATE:**

**FAMILY NAME(s):**

*Last name*

*First name*

*Last name*

*First name*

**PHYSICAL ADDRESS:**

**Mailing Address (*if different from physical address*):**

**PHONE: Home:**

**Cell:**

**Work 1**

**Work 2**

**Email:**

**Emergency Contact:**

*Name*

*Phone*

School Catchment Area: *Please list the elementary and secondary schools in your neighborhood:*

**Please check your preferences for hosting a student:**

<b>Gender Preference</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Program Length</b>	<b>No. of Students Willing to Accommodate</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Term (3 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> One Student Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle School	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Term (5 Months)	<input type="checkbox"/> Able to Host More than One
<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference	<input type="checkbox"/> High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Term (10 Months)	Student
	<input type="checkbox"/> No Preference	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Program (3-6 Weeks)	

**COMMENTS:**

## **FAMILY PROFILE**

List all the people who live at the home (include all family members, borders, and/or students who live at the home more than one day per week.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>	<b>OCCUPATION/ SCHOOL</b>	<b>FIRST LANGUAGE SPOKEN</b>

Please provide a brief description of your family's hobbies and interests:

Describe a typical family weekday routine:

How does your family usually spend the weekend?

What is your religious affiliation?

Would you feel comfortable hosting a student who has different religious beliefs from those practiced in your household?

Does anyone in your household have any allergy that incoming students need to be aware of (ie. Peanut allergy, etc...). If so, please provide details.

Do you have pets? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list:

Does anyone in your home speak a language other than English? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please list:

Does anyone in your home run a home-based business that would require other individuals to be in your home on a regular basis (such as a daycare, hair salon, etc.). If so, please provide details.

Please describe specific family rules that children in your home must follow:

Does anyone in your home smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Inside \_\_\_\_\_ Outside only

**Home Description:**

How long have you lived at your present address?

Our home is a(n):

\_\_\_\_\_ Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ Townhouse \_\_\_\_\_ Detached House \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Home

Number of levels: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate square feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Home: \_\_\_\_\_

How many bedrooms do you have available for hosting? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are they located in the house?

Describe any special features of your home (piano, pool, computer, sports equipment, back yard, etc.)

Students will have access to: \_\_\_\_\_ Computer \_\_\_\_\_ Internet

*Homestay families are required to have smoke detectors in the home and it is recommended that a fire extinguisher is also available.*

**STUDENT ROOM DESCRIPTION:**

Location in house: \_\_\_\_\_

How is it furnished? (bed size, desk, desk lamp, chair, closet, dresser, phone line, internet, etc.)

Have you ever hosted an international student in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why are you interested in hosting an international student?

How did you hear about our program?

References (name and phone number):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

***By submitting this application, you are consenting to allow the school division to conduct such reference checks as Palliser Regional Schools in its sole discretion deems advisable. You also consent to our obtaining information about your suitability as a host family by making enquiries of persons other than the references you have supplied in your application.***

Are there any conditions or medical concerns that will impact on your ability, or the ability of anyone residing in your home to act as a host parent and fulfill your obligations (such as physical problems, emotional difficulties)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ***If YES, please describe:***

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**CRIMINAL RECORDS SEARCH:**

Applicants or their family members who have committed an offence relating to the care of minors, or an offence of a sexual nature against any person or an offence involving the use of alcohol or drugs, violence or the sale of drugs, may be disqualified. Applicants who have been charged or convicted of an offense under the criminal code of Canada may also be disqualified. Students will not be placed with homestay family applicants until an acceptable criminal records search has been received by the International Education Program office.

**HOMESTAY FAMILY DECLARATION:** (to be completed and signed by all individuals 18 years or older)

I confirm that I, and anyone residing in my home, have never committed, or been convicted of:

- An offence related to the care of minors
- An offence of a sexual nature against any person
- An offence involving violence
- An offence involving the sale of drugs.

I confirm that I and anyone residing in my home will notify Palliser Regional Schools within 7 days if I or anyone residing in my home is charged with an offence, following the completion of our Criminal Records Search.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Must be signed by anyone residing in the home who is 18 years of age or older.*

**STATEMENT OF INTENT:**

I would like to apply to host an international student enrolled by Palliser Regional Schools International Student Program. By accepting a student into my home, I agree to the following:

- I will abide by all the school division program guidelines;
- I will assume responsibility for the care and attention of the student, and will act in place of his/her parents in the event of an emergency;
- The student will be treated like a member of my family and will enjoy our respect and encouragement
- I will abide by the expectations outlined in this agreement;
- I declare that none of my children living in the home nor any minor children living in my home has a criminal record for any offence, nor have had difficulties with legal authorities or discipline problems at school;

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\* Must be signed by anyone residing in the home who is 18 years of age or older. The information on this form is required and will be used solely for the purpose of operation of Palliser Regional Schools International Education Program. It will be kept secure and confidential in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Any questions concerning the collection and use of this information may be directed to the FOIP Coordinator, Palliser Regional Schools.***

## **HOMESTAY FAMILY EXPECTATIONS**

Our homestay families are a very important component in the success of our international student program. Please take the time to review carefully the expectations outlined below before the home visit. If you and your family feel that you would like to proceed with the application process, please complete this form.

We attempt to select families who we believe “match” well with the students who have applied to our program. If the division accepts your application, it does not guarantee that a student will be placed with you immediately. While we may recommend a placement, the final placements are based on the approval of the student’s family, agent or custodian. In the event that a placement is discontinued, for any reason, the division is under no obligation to replace the student for the balance of the school year.

If the student is assigned to your home, you agree that you will accept and comply with the terms outlined below. You further agree that you understand that breach of any of these terms may result in termination of the Homestay placement.

We, the homestay family agree that we will abide by the guidelines for Homestay placement in this application, and also specifically that:

1. We will provide to the student a private room that includes a window, bed, dresser, closet, table lamp, and desk, access to laundry and bathroom facilities. For high school students, we understand that a computer and internet access is preferred;
2. We will provide 3 well balanced, nourishing meals each day plus snacks to the student;
3. We will provide transportation to and from extracurricular activities;
4. We ensure that we carry adequate home insurance coverage;
5. We will never permit the international student to drive the family motor vehicle(s) for any reason;
6. We will contact the Supervisor immediately should significant problems with the student arise. Such problems might include failure to attend school, illegal drug or alcohol use, or emotional issues;
7. We will inform the supervisor immediately of any changes in our family composition, contact information or changes with respect to who is residing at the residence;
8. We will obtain all permission required for travel outside the province;
9. We will review household rules and expectations promptly upon the arrival of the student;
10. Upon arrival of the student, we will provide the student with house keys, information on how to use the house alarm and instruct the student on the course of action in the event of a fire, earthquake or other emergency. We will also instruct the student on the procedure for dialing 911 and what such a call entails;
11. We will instruct the student on the legality of seat belt use and bicycle helmet. If the student uses a bicycle, we will make arrangements for the purchase of a helmet;
12. We will make reasonable efforts to be familiar with the whereabouts of our student at all times;
13. We will ensure that the student attends school regularly;
14. We will act as a judicious, caring parent and treat the international student as a member of the family.

**We understand and agree to abide by these expectations:**      **Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

***This Form must be signed by all persons residing in the home who are 18 years or older.***