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Dear Future Host Family,

Thank you for expressing your interest in our student exchange program. In this letter, we would like to provide you with some information about the requirements for becoming a host family, as well as details about our program.

We are very happy to introduce our services and requirements to become a host family. We, Student Service America, provide housing for international students who attend [Central Pacific College](#).

The homestay experience is a unique and special accommodation choice for students because it welcomes them into an American home, where they can practice their English on a daily basis and learn American/local culture. Our homestay coordinator carefully reviews the profile of students and families in order to match them.

Requirements for Becoming a Host Family

To ensure a positive experience for both the student and the host family, we have established the following requirements:

1. Safe, Clean, and Comfortable Environment

- **Accommodations:** Provide a private room for the student. A shared room is acceptable only if students apply together as siblings or friends.
- **Room Essentials:** A furnished bedroom with high-speed Wi-Fi access. The room must include a bed, desk, and a closet. Clean sheets, a pillow, and blankets should be provided. Students are responsible for washing their sheets during their stay.
- **Laundry & Cleaning:** The student must have access to laundry facilities. The family should provide laundry detergent and a laundry basket. Additionally, please provide basic cleaning supplies so the student can maintain the cleanliness of their room.

2. Meal Provision

- **Daily Meals:** Provide two meals a day (breakfast and dinner), including weekends and holidays.
- **Continental Breakfast:** A help-yourself selection that should include options such as bagels, cereal, toast, muffins, or donuts. Please also provide juice, milk, tea/coffee, and a piece of fresh fruit.
- **Dinner:** Dinner is a key time for cultural exchange and connection. It should be a warm, nutritious meal that includes all major food groups (vegetables, protein, starch, and dairy).
- **Dietary Needs:** Please accommodate any specific dietary restrictions or allergies the student may have, as noted in their profile.

3. Cultural Exchange Opportunities

- Welcome the student as a member of your family and involve them in family activities and daily life.
- Promote cultural exchange and show respect for the student's culture.



4. English-Speaking Environment

- Provide an environment where the student can learn and practice English through daily interactions.
- It is preferable if daily conversations in the household are conducted in English.

As you consider this opportunity, I would like to provide you with detailed information regarding the compensation you will receive as a host family. Below are the rates for hosting students, depending on the type of accommodation and the duration of stay:

<u>Over 18 yrs old</u>	Weekly (1-4 wks)	4wks	Weekly (Over 4wks)	Extra Day
Private room	\$370	\$1,480	\$350	\$60
Shared room(per student)	\$310	\$1,240	\$288	\$50

<u>Under 18 yrs old</u>	Weekly (1-4 wks)	4wks	Weekly (Over 4wks)	Extra Day
Private room	\$395	\$1,580	\$375	\$65
Shared room(per student)	\$330	\$1,320	\$313	\$55

Daily Transportation	\$30 per way (\$60 for Round Trip)		
Airport Pickup	\$70	Airport Dropoff	\$60
Weekend Activity	\$60/person (1 student), \$40/person (2+ students)		

Important Remarks

- Meals: Includes 2 meals (Breakfast & Dinner) per day.
- Family Time: Host families are expected to eat dinner together with their students to foster connection.
- Host Capacity: This pricing applies to families hosting up to 3 students. Hosting 4 or more students is classified as a "Student Dorm/Residence."

If you are interested in becoming our host family, please fill out the [becoming a host family application](#) and return it to us via email. Once we receive the form, we will contact you to schedule an appointment for our site visit to discuss more details.

Thank you for your interest again, and we're looking forward to working with you. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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