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Dear 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. (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

- Provide a private room for the student.
- A furnished bedroom with Wi-Fi connection. The bedroom must include a bed, desk, and a closet. Clean sheets, a pillow, and blankets must be provided. Students will clean the sheets during their stay.
- Cleaning Supplies: The student must have access to laundry facilities. The family should provide laundry detergent and a laundry basket. Also, cleaning supplies should be provided in order for the students to maintain cleanliness.

2. Meal Provision

- Two meals a day (breakfast and dinner) including weekends and holidays.
- Continental Breakfast:

This is a help-yourself breakfast spread which should include at least one of the following: bagel, cereal, toast, English muffin, muffin, donut. In addition, juice, milk, or tea/coffee should be provided as well as a piece of fresh fruit.

- Dinner:

Dinner is the most important meal during a student's stay. It should be a warm meal which includes food from all of the major food groups (vegetables, protein, bread, and dairy).

- Accommodate any dietary restrictions or allergies the student may have.

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.

If you are interested in becoming our host family, please fill out the <u>becoming a host family</u> 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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