

FAQS ABOUT ILI'S HOME-STAY PROGRAM

What is a "typical" student?

The minimum age for ILI students is 18 years, however many are already pursuing their careers and tend to be older. Students come from all over the world and from a wide variety of backgrounds with diverse ethnic and religious beliefs. Students enrolled in the Intensive English Program sometimes need to prepare for university studies in the US and need to improve their English skills. Some need to learn English for business purposes, or perhaps they are just here for the experience of living and studying English in the US.

Students enroll in the intensive program for 21 hours a week, Monday through Thursday from nine am to two thirty pm, nine am to twelve on Fridays. (There are no classes on Friday afternoons). Some students like to spend the afternoons with new friends exploring the town, while others tend to go home and study.

What do we expect of a host?

We offer our students two options for housing:

- 1) A room without meals for \$125/week.
- 2) A room with meals for \$175/week.

A room with meals includes breakfast and lunch (which are usually light meals that the students can prepare themselves) and dinner (usually with the host and/or family). A room without meals means the student has access to the kitchen to prepare their own meals and to store their own food. In both cases we ask that the host provide a private bedroom with a desk or table, good light for studying, a good chair and dresser, and most of all a warm friendly atmosphere. Our prime concern is to make our students' experience in the US enjoyable and memorable.

We would like students to be treated as a member of the family and be included in activities when appropriate.

What do we expect of our students?

Because students are a part of the household, we encourage them to interact with the family and offer to help with simple household chores. They will keep their rooms clean and discuss with their host the details of house rules. Students should fix their own breakfast and bag lunch. The evening meal is usually spent together with the host. Students should always let their host know of their daily or weekend plans, especially if they will not be home for dinner.

What is ILI's role in the home-stay program?

The Housing Coordinator, Amy Ben Ezra, tries to match students with their hosts in order to ensure a successful home-stay. During the first week of the program we conduct a student orientation meeting about living abroad and with hosts. Students also receive a handbook with further guidelines. The Housing Coordinator is available to you and the students to

answer questions or solve problems. We also encourage ongoing feedback from the host and the students and offer support as needed.

We invite you to participate in as many school activities as you are able to, particularly in our annual picnic at Look Park.

Every two weeks, host families receive a check from ILL to cover the weekly stipend.

What is the procedure for becoming a host?

ILL asks prospective hosts to fill out an application form and return it to the Housing Coordinator. She will then make an appointment to meet the host, see where the student will stay, and answer questions about the program.

Upon mutual agreement, we include your name on our list of hosts and contact you when needed. Students are asked to give as much notice as possible to allow for housing arrangements; however from time to time we have a very short notice of a student's arrival. Please indicate whether you might be available under those special circumstances. ILL also arranges for airport pick-up and drop off at the airport.

We sincerely thank you for your interest in hosting an international student. We hope that the experience will be mutually beneficial and create lasting good memories.

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