



Homestay Application for DVC Bridge Program - 2011

Please answer all questions completely, providing as much detail as possible

Family Name (Surname) _____

First Name (Given name) _____

Applicant's Complete Address: _____

Male: Female:

Email (Required): _____

Telephone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Birthday (Required): _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

What is your native language? _____ Other languages? _____

What is your English speaking level? Very High High Medium Low Very Low

Which program will you attend? SUMMER BRIDGE OCTOBER BRIDGE

What day do you plan to move into your homestay? _____

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE IN THEIR HOMESTAY FOR AT LEAST A MINIMUM OF 2 MONTHS

(You may also stay longer than 2 months if you like.) How long are you planning to live in a homestay?

2 months 3 - 6 months 6 - 12 months Longer than 1 year

Why do you wish to live with a host family? Please explain: _____

Please describe your ideal housing situation: (Example: Families with children, single adult, no preference, etc.)

REQUIRED - List your hobbies and interests (Applicants must list at least 5 hobbies/interests, or more):

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____

What kinds of sports do you like, if any? _____

REQUIRED – PLEASE ANSWER HONESTLY: DO YOU SMOKE? Yes No

Do you have any medical allergies? No Pets Food **Specify:** _____

Are there any foods that you do not eat? No Yes, please specify: _____

REQUIRED - Please describe your immediate family: (Include parents, and number of brothers and sisters, pets, etc.)

REQUIRED - What is your educational goal in the U.S.? (You may select more than one option)

ESL Program only College: **Major:** _____ **Degree type:** AA/AS BA/BS MA/MS

Have you ever visited the U.S. before? No Yes, where: _____

How long do you plan to stay in the U.S.? _____

Please describe any current medical conditions, including any physical limitations or other special considerations that your host family should know about. Also list any prescription medications that you are currently taking:

Do you plan to purchase a car? No Yes

Arrival Information, if known: Airlines: _____ Flight Number: _____

Date of arrival: _____ Time: _____ Airport: _____

How will you get from the airport to your homestay? Friend/Relative Shuttle Bus Service Public Transit

Diablo Valley Homestay - Airport to Homestay Personal Driver Service Other: _____

I verify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

(If applicant is under 18 years of age)

DVC Bridge Program Homestay Payment Information

1. Housing costs (for two months) are included in the package cost of the 2011 DVC Bridge Program. Students do NOT need to pay their host family any rent for their initial two months in the homestay.
2. The two month rental period begins on the day the student moves in to the homestay. (For example: If a student moves in on June 7, their rental period will be covered from June 7 – August 6).
3. Students are welcome to continue living in their homestay beyond completion of the DVC Bridge Program. If the student chooses to continue living in the homestay after the initial two month period ends, he/she will be responsible for paying rent directly to the host family each month. Rent will be due immediately following the end of the initial two-month period. Rent is \$750 per month. Details are provided below for more information.
4. All students must pay their host family a \$300 refundable security deposit upon moving in to the homestay. Please read the Host Family Housing Policy for more information.

Host Family and Location Disclaimer (IMPORTANT: Please read all information below.)

Students who are placed in a homestay are responsible for directly paying their host family \$750.00 per month. The cost of living with a host family includes housing, two meals per day (breakfast and dinner) Monday - Friday (host provides three meals per day on weekends), and all utilities, except for telephone/internet use. **Students are responsible for buying their own lunch, Monday – Friday.** Students are not guaranteed placement with any specific type of family (race, marital status, families with children, etc.), as all of the families in our program have been pre-screened and have met the qualifications of being a host family. Your placement will be based upon a number of different criteria including the families' availability at the time you arrive, the type of student they are looking to house, and the information you have completed in your housing application. Students are expected to live in their homestay for at least a minimum of 2 months.

We make no guarantee to students that they will be placed within walking distance to the school, as public transportation is readily available in all the surrounding cities, and most students rely on some form of public transportation to get to and from school. We have many terrific families in the area, all within a 12-mile radius. If you decide that you must live within walking distance, then we can provide you with information about apartments that are available in the area.

We do guarantee that you will be placed with a family that wants to be a host family to an international student, and can provide you with good exposure to the American way of life. **All students placed with host families must agree to the terms of the Host Family Housing Policy. A copy of the Host Family Housing Policy must be signed and returned with the Homestay Application. Your placement with a host family will be secured when all required items have been received.** You will be sent information about your host family immediately after a placement has been confirmed.

Indemnification: Student fully indemnifies Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and its agents and employees from any claim arising from Student's conduct. Student understands that hosts are not employees or agents of Diablo Valley Homestay LLC, and student assumes all risk associated with injury or loss arising from the living in the homestay, including behavior of hosts. Student releases Diablo Valley Homestay LLC of any liability for any claim of injury, death, property damage or other loss. Student will not institute a claim against Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and will release and hold Diablo Valley Homestay LLC forever harmless for any and all claims arising from living in the homestay, including the behavior of hosts.

Limitation of Liability: In no event shall Diablo Valley Homestay LLC have any liability to the student for any indirect, special, incidental or consequential damages, however caused, and under any theory of liability, whether or not Diablo Valley Homestay LLC had prior knowledge of the possibility of such damages. Further, Diablo Valley Homestay LLC shall not be named as a party, called as a witness, or served discovery requests in any dispute between student and host regarding the financial dealings between student and hosts.

Mediation/Arbitration: In the event any dispute arises with respect to the services provided by Diablo Valley Homestay LLC, and such dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, then Diablo Valley Homestay LLC and Student agree to first endeavor to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its Commercial Mediation Rules, before resorting to any other means of dispute resolution. Following at least one such mediation session, any unresolved dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Rules, and the judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Further, in the event of any such arbitration, the prevailing party shall be entitled to costs and attorney's fees.

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