



2018 Homestay Program Student Contract

I, _____, have requested to participate in the ECLC Homestay Program. While I am a student at East Coast Language College, I will respect the following Homestay Contract:

1. The fees are \$800.00 for 28 days. If the student is 18 years old or younger, the fees are \$880.00 for 28 days. These full fees must be paid to the school on or before the dates according to the Homestay Fee Payment Schedule. The first 28 days of homestay fees are non-refundable for students who have arrived in the homestay program. Students who cancel their homestay two weeks before their scheduled start date will be charged for the first two weeks of homestay fees. Fees will be adjusted to cover the early arrival of students and our vacation periods. Students can be refused entry to class for late or unpaid fees.
2. Students are considered as living in homestay for the duration of their study period, unless prior notice is given. Students must notify their Host Family and Accommodations Coordinator of the exact moving date at least 4 weeks before they wish to leave the homestay. Fees for the 4 weeks must be paid even if students leave before the 4 weeks have ended. If no notice is given, students will have to pay the full fee.
3. Minor students (18 years and under) must participate in the Homestay Program while attending **ECLC** full time. Minor students who wish to move out of an ECLC Homestay Family must find a new custodian and provide all signed documents regarding the new custodian four weeks before moving. The custodian must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. The 4-week notice period to Host Family starts once the Accommodation Coordinator has received all signed custodianship documents.
4. If students are planning a vacation, they must give a written notice to their Host Family and Accommodations Coordinator at least 4 weeks before they leave for their vacation. They can pay the 'Holding Fee' of \$125.00 per week if they are on vacation for 6 days or more over a 7-day period. The 'Holding Fee' is for a maximum of 2 weeks. Students who ask to move will be charged another Accommodation Placement Fee.
5. You will receive three meals a day while in homestay. Students may be expected to prepare their own breakfast and lunch and understand that host families do not provide ethnic or faith-related foods. Host families should be informed at least two hours before the meal is served if students will be absent.
6. Before leaving the home, students must lock the door, turn off all lights and running water.
7. You will have a private room with a bed, place to place your clothes, and a place to study. Students are expected to keep their room clean.
8. Students must ask the homestay family's permission to use perfume, smoke inside the home, use appliances, invite guests and change their eating schedule.
9. Students should accept the host family rules and show respect to family members at all times and expect the same in return.
10. Students understand that they are considered to be a member of the family and therefore should not expect to be entertained. When family members are busy, they should ask to join or help them.
11. Students will have 4 weeks to find alternate accommodation after their last day at **ECLC**.
12. The Accommodations Coordinator must be informed immediately when there are unresolved difficulties between the student and the host family. We recommend that students then talk to their host family themselves first to resolve any issues. Families want to make a student's stay as comfortable as possible.
13. The Accommodations Coordinator has the right to decide if students' requests to move are warranted. In unwarranted cases, students will have to reapply to the host family program and pay the required fee.

AGREEMENT

I understand that my participation in **ECLC's** Homestay Program can be terminated without a refund and I may be asked to find alternate accommodation if I do not respect the rules and regulations while in the Homestay Program. I release **ECLC** from any responsibility for injury, loss, damage, accident, or other expenses resulting in my participation in the Homestay program.

ECLC Agreements shall be interpreted by the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and the parties hereby accept the jurisdiction of the courts of that Province in resolving any disputes.

Applicant Signature _____

Date (D/M/Y) _____

Parent Signature (if minor) _____

Date (D/M/Y) _____

