



APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE (Please print or type)

Which housing option do you prefer?

- Homestay with a Ecuadorian family arranged by UEES
- Student residence
- Independent housing within the district of Samborondon*

Contact name, address and telephone number:

If you choose to stay with a host family arranged by UEES, please answer the following:

Instructions:

The following questions are to help place you in a compatible host family. Therefore, please be accurate and specific. Please understand, however, that we will not be able to accommodate all of your requests due to various constraints. Applicants should read the enclosed Homestay Regulations and sign the Homestay Written Agreement.

1. What is your ethnic background? (optional) _____
2. What is your religious background? (optional) _____
3. Do you practice any sports? If yes, please give details.

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4. Do you prefer a large or small family?
 Large family Small family Either
 5. Do you prefer a family with or without children?
 Old children Young children No children Either
 6. Do you enjoy living with small children?
 Yes, very much Yes Not really
 7. Do you prefer a family who speaks English?
 Very well A little Not at all Does not matter
 8. Do you smoke?
 Yes No
 9. Are you allergic to smoke to the extent that you get physically ill if someone smokes in your presence?
 Yes No
 10. If the answer to the above question is no, do you have any objection of living with a family which has a member who smokes?
 Yes, absolutely
 Yes, but if there is no other choice, I will manage it somehow.
 No
 11. Do you like pets?
 Yes What kind? _____ No
 12. Are you allergic to any kind of pets?

○ Yes What kind? _____ ○ No

13. Are you vegetarian? ○ Yes ○ No

If so, how strict? _____

List things you do not eat: _____

14. Are you willing to change your eating habits if it is necessary to participate in the Homestay program?

○ Yes ○ No

15. Are there any foods you dislike? Or do you have any preferences in your diet? (For non-vegetarian students).

○ Yes _____ ○ No

16. If there are any restrictions in your diet for religious or physical reasons, please explain.

17. Do you consider yourself neat and organized?

○ Yes, very much ○ Yes, a little ○ Not really ○ No

18. Do you speak any other languages besides your native one?

○ Yes _____ ○ No

19. Have you ever traveled or lived in a foreign country? ○ Yes ○ No

If so, where and for how long?

20. Have you participated in a homestay program before? ○ Yes ○ No

If so, where and for how long?

21. Please list three reasons why you want to live with an Ecuadorian family.

22. What type of persons do you think you can get best along with?

23. Please state three or four personal characteristics, which describe you.

24. List three things that you think will be difficult to adjust to in living with an Ecuadorian family.

25. Please discuss what contribution you might make to the homestay program and how you might provide an enriching cultural experience for your homestay family. Also, please state briefly what you expect to get out of the homestay experience and what sort of relationship you expect to have with the family.

26. Please add anything else about your personality and character, or anything else about yourself, which might assist us in making an appropriate match between you and a homestay family.

*CEI can facilitate students in finding housing only in the district of Samborondon. Once contact is made, all accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the student, and neither CEI nor UEES accept any liability regarding such accommodation.

UEES HOMESTAY REGULATIONS

1. Term

The homestay program is a one-semester or one-month program. Any student wishing to extend their stay beyond the agreed date of his/her program must advise the staff of the Center for International Education at least 4 weeks prior to the end of the program. Such extension is subject to the decision of CEI, in consultation with the homestay family, and predicated upon the student's academic performance and behaviour. Homestay participants are requested to leave their host family no later than one week after the semester or summer session ends.

2. Payment

UEES Homestay fees are charged prior students arrival. UEES is in charge of paying the Host Families at the end of each month. Students that come through no organization or university agreement are requested to pay the four months or the month expense in full during the orientation period of each semester or month.

3. Refund Policy

Because the homestay program is based basically on the hospitality and kindness of the host families, homestay fees are not refundable if they have already been paid to the host family, even if the student leaves the host family in the middle of the month. For other refund details, please see CEI Refund Policy.

4. Homestay Expectations

The success of a homestay program depends on the goodwill, kindness and understanding of all parties. Our families open not only their homes but their hearts to our international students. The Center for International Education Housing Coordinator assists students in obtaining their host families. Homes assigned are considered an extension of the University. Therefore, the University has the right to supervise all disciplinary and financial regulations incident to this program. Keep in mind that every family is unique; consequently, every student's experience also will be unique. Resist temptations you might feel to compare your host family with those of other students you meet at CEI (particularly those comparisons involving judgments). Such comparisons are unfair and may be detrimental to your experience. Take advantage of every moment you are here and build a friendship with your family. Be respectful of your family's concerns for your safety and well-being. It is of paramount importance to be courteous and arrive home **on time** for every meal. Be sure to communicate delays or changes to your schedule **in advance**. Place toilet paper in the trash basket, which you usually find located conveniently next to the toilet. Long distance and international calls may not be made from the host family's home. You should consult your host family **in advance** to make sure that a visit is okay (especially with regard to obtaining approval for the day and time). If a visitor of the opposite sex is in your bedroom, never close the door during her/his visit. When you are with friends from your native country, please refrain from speaking English or any language other than Spanish in front of your family. Be sure to make your bed every day and keep your room neat. Keep an open mind and be flexible. Be sensitive to cultural differences. Allow yourself time to adjust to your family and your host culture. Obey your family's rules (e.g. curfews) and understand the reasons behind these regulations (i.e. concern about your safety and well-being). If you don't understand something, ask. This will help you to avoid misunderstandings later on. Let your family know what you need and what you like. Observe and participate actively with your family in the culture.

I fully understand the purpose of the homestay program, and hereby agree to abide by the above regulations and expectations. I also understand that any breach of these regulations will result in the termination of my participation in the homestay program.

Name/Date: _____

Signature: _____