

# Lane Community College

## International Student

### Homestay Agreement

If you are seeking a host family, please complete the enclosed application and return it with a photograph of yourself and a **\$75.00 homestay application fee**. (You may either send an international postal money order or a check.) **We will not begin the process of finding you a host family until we have received the \$75.00 application fee.**

The International Programs Office needs to receive your homestay application at the time you are admitted to the college or at **least four (4) weeks before your expected arrival date.** This will insure a host family for you and will allow for communication between you and your host family. **If we do not receive your host family application four weeks before your arrival, you may have to stay in a motel until a host is found.**

## Homestay Information

The monthly homestay payment of **\$600** includes a private bedroom with desk as well as all meals. The host family will prepare the evening meal, and food will be provided for you to make your own breakfast and lunch. Laundry facilities are available in the home for you to do your own laundry. The monthly payment should be paid at the beginning of each month. (For a partial month, the fee is \$20 per day.)

Homestays may be in one of many types of family situations. A host family may be made up of all kinds of racial and ethnic groups and come from all different socioeconomic levels. Not all host families consist of a mother, father, and children. A family could consist of a mother with children, two adults with no children, or a single adult.

Host families often assist international students in locating banking facilities, libraries, hospitals, shopping centers, cultural events, and in riding the bus.

## Homestay Guidelines

- ❖ Host families expect the monthly payment to be paid even when you are away from the home during vacations. This may be negotiable if you are away for a period of 15 days or more. Please notify your host family when you will be away from home overnight. Host families also appreciate being notified if you will be arriving home late at night.
- ❖ Host families require a **30-day** notice when moving out. We encourage you to stay for at least one full term.
- ❖ Please give your host family an emergency telephone number such as your own family's phone number in their country. If your family does not speak English, try to provide at least one international student contact from your country to assist with emergency telephone calls.
- ❖ Host families will discuss house rules, responsibilities, expectations and guidelines with you.
- ❖ Having friends over and having overnight guests in your homestay must be discussed and approved by host family.
- ❖ Drugs, alcohol and smoking are not acceptable in most homestays. Please discuss these openly with your host family.

**A successful homestay is dependent on good communication between you and your host family.**

We are here to assist you throughout your homestay experience. If you have questions or problems at any time, we are available to help you.

For further information, please contact the Lane Community College International Programs, Student Services, **Beth Schenderlein**, at:

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***We look forward to assisting you and welcome you to the  
Lane Community College International Programs!***