



MALASPINA HIGH SCHOOL HOMESTAY STUDENT PROFILE

The information from this form will be used to find a suitable homestay family for you. Please print clearly and fill it in completely.

Your homestay request will be processed upon receiving your arrival details to Nanaimo, BC. Please allow a minimum of 6 weeks to ensure a host family will be available upon your arrival.

HOMESTAY: Food for breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided by the host. Usually, students are taught to prepare their own breakfast and lunch.

STUDENT: _____

COUNTRY: _____

AGENCY: _____

NAME OF CONTACT: _____

EMAIL: _____

ARRIVAL DETAILS: Host families pick up their students in Nanaimo.

Arrival at **Vancouver International Airport (YVR):**

Date: _____ Flight Number: _____ Time: _____

Arrival at **Nanaimo Airport (YCD):**

Date: _____ Flight Number: _____ Time: _____

Arrival at **Nanaimo Ferry Terminal:**

Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay Date: _____ Time: _____

OR

Tsawwassen to Duke Point Date: _____ Time: _____

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

In your home country (country of residence):

Name of school you are presently attending: _____

What grade or level are you currently in? _____

What are your favorite subjects at school? _____

What languages do you: Speak? _____

Read/write? _____

How many years have you studied English in school? _____

Have you ever studied and/or traveled abroad? Yes No

If so, where, when and for how long? _____

INTERESTS

What do you do in your free time? _____

HOBBIES List the hobbies you have: _____

What activities/hobbies would you like to try in Canada? _____

MUSIC What kind of music do you like? _____

Do you play a musical instrument? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

How many years have you studied the instrument? _____

SPORTS List the sports you participate in: _____

What sports do you like to watch? _____

What sports would you like to try in Canada? _____

OTHER INTERESTS Please explain: _____

YOUR CHARACTER (Check all that apply)

Outgoing Shy Independent Energetic

Adapt easily Quiet Talkative Other

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

- *If you have any health problems and require medication you must bring a letter from your doctor, in English, explaining the problem, medication required and medication dosage.*
- *If there are certain medical procedures that are unacceptable to you for religious reasons, please bring a signed and witnessed medical directive with you when you come, in English, stating so. Please show us your medical directive along with any international medical insurance you may have.*

Do you take medication? Yes No
What kind? _____ How often? _____

Are you allergic to any medications? Yes No
Please explain _____

Do you have any special medical conditions or physical needs? Yes No
Please explain _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

In the event of an accident or medical emergency, please provide the names of two people (who reside at different addresses) that we may contact

	Family Contact	Alternative
Name:	_____	_____
Address:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
City:	_____	_____
Country:	_____	_____
Telephone:	_____	_____
Fax Number:	_____	_____
Email:	_____	_____
Relationship to you:	_____	_____

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PLEASE NOTE: Canada is a multicultural society that values and respects the diversity of all Canadians. Many different kinds of Canadian families participate in the Homestay/Peerstay programs. There are single people with or without children, as well as couples with or without children. There are also Canadians of many races, religions, and cultures.

Some families work full-time, while others work part-time and/or are retired. Every host family will have their own unique lifestyle, so please be open and willing to live with the host family we have selected for you.

I understand that the Homestay/Peerstay Program will select a family from those available, based on the information that I have provided, but that they cannot guarantee that all of my personal preferences will be met.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the University Act. The information provided will only be used to match an international student with a host family.

I hereby authorize VIU to release information in this application to my host family. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the Homestay/Peerstay Program at (250) 740-6159.

Please complete and return all nine (9) pages to:

Malaspina High School
900 Fifth Street
Nanaimo, B.C.
Canada V9R 5S5

Fax: (250) 740-6470
Email: highschool@viu.ca

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HIGH SCHOOL HOMESTAY STUDENT LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The Vancouver Island University Homestay/Peerstay Program is designed to promote friendship and language learning and to provide an opportunity for cultural exchange between Canadian families and the International students who attend Malaspina High School.

While you are in Homestay, please expect to be treated with respect by your hosts. In turn, you must also respect and show your host every courtesy.

I AGREE TO:

1. Pay the Homestay fee of \$700 per month to my host family on the 1st day of each month, and to pay \$25.00 per night for any **additional** nights that I stay with my host family. Students will be assisted by the VIU Homestay/Peerstay Program and their host family to set up a Canadian bank account and write monthly Homestay cheques. Alternatively, students' families or agents may choose to pay the host family directly. I understand that the Homestay deposit I paid in advance to the MHS/VIU Homestay/Peerstay Program is not my first month's Homestay fee and that the deposit will be held by MHS/VIU until I have left the Homestay/Peerstay Program with proper notice.
2. Be responsible for all telephone expenses, including long distance calls and taxes. If I have my own telephone, I will pay the installation charge and monthly rental and usage charges. **I will ask permission to make long distance calls on my host family's phone before I use it.** I will use a long distance telephone card if I use my host family's telephone.
3. Give a minimum one month or THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING to my hosts before moving. Notice can be given on any day of the month, allowing me to move on the same day the following month.
4. I understand I will not receive my deposit refund until after I move out of my Homestay/Peerstay and have given appropriate notice to my host family.
5. Become familiar with and understand the routines of the home I am staying in and follow those routines.
6. Discuss with my hosts any of my special requirements, preferences and interests so they can understand what I will need to feel comfortable.
7. If I will be away from home outside of Nanaimo overnight, I will get written permission from my host family and the Malaspina High School Principal.
8. If I will be away overnight (within Nanaimo), I will tell my hosts and leave a number where I can be contacted.
9. Always tell my hosts if I will not be home for the evening meal or if I will be arriving home late in the evening.
10. Ask my hosts permission before inviting guests to the home.
11. Clean my own room and change the bed sheets regularly. Clean the bathroom after I use it. Help my hosts clean the dishes after the evening meal. Be prepared to do my own laundry, make my own breakfast and lunch, and assist in household duties as other family members do.

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12. Arrange personal insurance for my possessions (Malaspina High School, Vancouver Island University and the host are not be responsible for the replacement of students' possessions that are lost or damaged).
13. In cases where I have a problem with my host family, the Homestay/Peerstay Coordinator or Manager will help me talk to my hosts about the problem. Because Canadian customs are different from customs in my country, my hosts may not know that I feel uncomfortable. **PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED IF WE KNOW ABOUT THEM.**
14. Where it is not possible to resolve a problem, the Homestay /Peerstay Coordinator or Manager will agree to move me as soon as possible. They will determine payment owed.
15. Be responsible for any unusual cleaning charges or damage that I cause during my stay.
16. I understand that Vancouver Island University staff will select hosts from those available, based on the information I have provided and that they cannot guarantee that all my personal preferences will be met.
17. I understand that the refundable deposit may not be returned in full, if (but not limited to): I have not given 30 days' notice in writing (yellow moving form), there are cleaning costs or damages in the home or other outstanding bills, I have outstanding MHS tuition or other MHS/VIU fees owing. Any monies owing to the host or MHS/VIU must be paid before deposit is refunded. Outstanding fees owed from your deposit may delay the time needed for processing.
18. I understand and agree with all the information on the Homestay/Peerstay Program provided by Malaspina High School/Vancouver Island University, and agree to the terms and conditions of items 1 through 17 on this agreement.

**YOU MUST CONSULT THE PRINCIPAL OF MALASPINA HIGH SCHOOL
AND THE COORDINATOR OR MANAGER OF VIU HOMESTAY DEPARTMENT
BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION TO MOVE.**

Student Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian *(Required if applicant is under 19 years of age)*

Date

Signature of Agent/person assisting the student with this application.

Date

NOTE: A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$700 and a non-refundable \$150 placement fee (increasing to \$200 on April 1, 2011) must be enclosed with this application. You will not be matched with a host family or placed in a home until your deposit, placement fee and arrival details are received.

Students who cancel after being placed with a host family will forfeit 50% of the homestay deposit. If the student cancels before placement with a family, they will forfeit the placement fee only.

Completed applications must be received 6 weeks prior to student arrival.

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HOMESTAY APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed Student Profile: Pages 1 through 8

- Homestay Non – refundable Placement Fee (\$150)
Please note that this fee increases to \$200 on April 1, 2011

- Homestay Refundable Deposit (\$700)

- Arrival details to Nanaimo:

Host families pick up their students in Nanaimo (not Vancouver).

To travel from Vancouver to Nanaimo students may take a ferry or plane. There are two ferries in Vancouver. Students can take the Tsawwassen/Duke Point Route or the Horseshoe Bay/Departure Bay Route. Many students book a flight from Vancouver (YVR) to Nanaimo (YCD) as it is faster and more convenient. Please refer to the following websites for information and schedules:
<http://www.bcf ferries.com/schedules/> or <http://www.aircanada.com/en/home.html>

If students are not making a connecting flight to Nanaimo Airport (YCD) from Vancouver International (YVR) and would like assistance to any of the ferry services (BC Ferries), or harbour to harbour float planes, please contact Beaton's Meet and Greet, by e-mail at beatons1@shaw.ca or visit their website at <http://www.beatonsmeetandgreet.com> to reserve online. For a fee, they will be happy to meet students at the exit from the arrivals area at YVR and transport them to the ferry or float plane service that they have chosen. They will also assist students to purchase a ticket on their Vancouver to Nanaimo transportation and make sure that if they are staying with a host family in Nanaimo, that the host family is called and ready to pick the student up in Nanaimo when they arrive.