



2008 Homestay Family Agreement – Archer College Hamilton

At Archer College the purpose of the Homestay Program is to help international students gain an understanding of Canadian culture by spending time with a family and learning about Canadian customs. At the same time, there will hopefully be a mutual exchange, as the Canadian family will gain insight into a new culture from overseas. This will ideally be done through the sharing of experiences, activities and communication between the family and student. Living with an English-speaking family is an integral part of the student's English language training program.

Archer College does **NOT** place more than one student from the same language group in the same home. This is to ensure that the student has maximum opportunity to practice and use English. If you are accepting students from other schools and/or programs, please notify the college immediately. Archer College prefers that there be no more than two (2) students in a home together at any given time.

It should be noted that a homestay is not the same as "renting a room" or "having a boarder". The international student is seeking to learn and get to know the family, and not just pay for somewhere to sleep. For this reason, Archer College hopes that when possible and convenient, homestay students be included in family activities.

As a homestay family, you will be paid \$600.00 - \$640.00 for four weeks (daily rate \$27.00 per day for each additional day). The advertised price is \$640.00 - \$680.00 for four weeks and \$40.00 is held every month by the school to cover administration costs.

The family is expected to provide the following:

- Three meals per day (breakfast, a bagged lunch, and dinner)
- A private room with access to washroom, laundry facilities, telephone and possibly internet

Students are required to give two weeks notice before leaving a homestay family. If there is a problem with the homestay arrangement, an Archer College representative will assist in rectifying the situation, however, in some cases, the best solution may be to place the student in a new homestay. In such a case, we ask that the homestay family refund the homestay fees, less fees for every night that the student stayed with the family, calculated on a pro-rated basis. If there are any questions, please contact the college directly. Archer Education Group does not assume any liability for any damages or expenses arising as a result of a homestay placement. The family is also responsible for ensuring they have adequate car insurance if they are picking up students from the airport.

It is the family's responsibility to notify the college of any changes to the family (new pets, child graduating and leaving the home, receiving students from other programs etc).

Students are not permitted to stay in an Archer Homestay once they have completed their studies at Archer College. Families should inform the school if a student is not attending Archer College and remains in the home.

Please note: This document is your contract with Archer College. Archer College policy states that no Archer homestay family will offer accommodation, extended accommodation or any other modified living arrangement to an Archer College student without the participation of the school, nor shall they offer accommodation at a rate other than that established by the College. Failure to comply with this policy may result in termination from the Homestay program.

Please keep this copy for your records



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I have read and understand the above agreement:

Signed

Date

(Please sign and return to the college along with a completed application.)