

STUDENT HOMESTAY REGISTRATION

Living with a Canadian family is an excellent way to improve your English. It also provides an excellent opportunity to experience Canadian culture first hand. Homestays can be for international or domestic students. Other living arrangements such as roommate situations and suites may be available through Lethbridge Homestay Services.

*Being **Canadian** means many things. A Canadian family may have ethnic roots anywhere in the world and may have immigrated to Canada in their own, their parent's or their grandparent's generation. We ask that the English spoken in their home be at a level that they can assist you in also learning English..*

- ✓ Homestays are generally **NOT** within walking distance of the University or College but located near access to public transit. Almost all students **must** take Lethbridge Transit. Lethbridge Homestay attempts to place University students on the west and south sides of Lethbridge and College students on the south and north sides of the city. A good match with the family is the first consideration. Lethbridge is a city that is spread over a large area.
- ✓ The 'monthly' fee for room and board is \$700. *(Partial months will be charged at \$25 per night)*
- ✓ There is refundable deposit of \$600 charged to a credit card. This is refunded **to the original credit card** when you move out provided everything is in order. There is a fee of \$236.25 *(including taxes)* charged for each placement.
- ✓ The total amount to obtain a homestay is \$836.25 to Lethbridge Homestay Services. Your homestay fees of \$700 per month are paid to your homestay family on the **FIRST** day you arrive and the **FIRST** day of each month thereafter. Late payments on homestay fees may result in the loss of your deposit.
- ✓ The placement fee includes pick up at the airport or bus depot when you arrive in Lethbridge.
- ✓ Your homestay family will accept you several days before classes begin. Earlier arrival should be arranged between you and your host family. You are encouraged to stay with your host family for your full stay.
- ✓ Please keep in mind that many Canadian families have small pets. Unless you have an allergy to animals, you may be giving up an opportunity to live with a wonderful family that does have a pet.

*Lethbridge Homestay Services holds your deposit. Should your host family prove incompatible after a trial period, we will try to find alternative accommodations. You may be moved once at no additional charge providing your reasons are valid and are not because of distance from your school. You will likely need to take Lethbridge Transit from anywhere you live in Lethbridge. Unless an emergency situation or your move is deemed necessary, you must give your host family **one month** notice before moving out, or you **will not receive the deposit back.***

If you would like to take advantage of the homestay option, please complete the Homestay Registration form and return it to junerobinson@shaw.ca \$836.25 may be paid by Mastercard or Visa or by wire transfer. Please include a photo of yourself and a letter of introduction for your host family.

HOMESTAY REGISTRATION FORM

Which school will you be attending? Lethbridge College University of Lethbridge

Personal Information:

Name: _____ Male Female

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Nationality: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone number: _____

_____ Fax number: _____

When do you plan on arriving in Lethbridge? _____

When do you plan on leaving Lethbridge? _____

Are you in a group? Yes No If yes, which group? (name of school) _____

Education completed: _____ Travel experience: _____

Hobbies and interests: _____

My family: _____ (# of brothers) _____ (# of sisters) _____ (type of pets)

Your character: shy, quiet outgoing, talkative energetic

independent adapts easily other _____

How strong is your English? weak good excellent

Physical Condition: *Failure to disclose a medical condition may result in the student being immediately sent home at the student's expense.*

Medical problems: *We ask for your medical conditions so we can place you with a family prepared for your individual situation.*

Do you have allergies to (circle answer): _____ If yes, what are these allergies? _____

Pets: Yes No Type of pets: _____

Food: Yes No Type of foods: _____

Medication: Yes No Type of medication: _____

Preferences: (circle answer)

1. Are you willing to live with a family that has children? Yes No

Please list age preferences:

2. Do you smoke? Yes No

100% of our homes are smoke free. You will not be permitted to smoke in your homestay home.

Some homes permit smoking outside – please follow the rules of the home.

3. Do you drink alcohol? Yes No Occasionally (*you must be 18 years old to consume alcohol*)

4. Would you live with a family that has small pets? Yes No

Many Canadian families have pets and it is often difficult to find homes with no pets.

Students with true allergies will

receive first consideration for the limited number of no pet homes.

Lethbridge **HOMESTAY** Services a division of:



In case of an emergency, Lethbridge Homestay Services should contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Relationship to you: _____

I understand that Lethbridge Homestay Services will select a family from those that are available, based on the information I have provided, but cannot guarantee that all of my personal preferences will be met. I hereby authorize any and all program sponsors and/or host families to act on my behalf and, in an emergency, if necessary, to decide on medical treatment and I hereby hold them harmless and without personal liability for any decision whatsoever.

I hereby authorize Lethbridge Homestay Services & Lethbridge Concierge Service to release information in this application to my host family. I have read and agree to the terms of the refund policy below.

Student Signature Date

Please fill out this application and email to junerobinson@shaw.ca

The phone number for questions is 403 – 892 - 7116

Homestay Refund Policy:

1. If the homestay placement is cancelled, all money will be refunded except the placement fee and applicable taxes - \$236.25.
2. No refunds will be given if the student provides less than 30 days notice. If the host family has failed to meet the conditions of Homestay, the student will be moved to another Homestay family. No refund will be given for the period of homestay already used. Lethbridge Homestay Services will request the balance of the month be returned by the Homestay family and transferred to the new family.
3. When fees have been paid by an institution, individual students will not be refunded. If a refund is deemed necessary the return will be to the payer.
4. Deposits will be returned within 14 days of departure from a home providing there are no claims against the deposit. Deposits are returned in the same manner they were paid. **Credit card deposits are returned to the original credit card.**
5. Refund policy may change without notice.

Credit Card Payment Authorization

Name of card holder (as it appears on card) _____

Card # _____ Expiry date: _____ Amount to be charged: CDN \$836.25

In lieu of my credit card imprint, I hereby authorize Lethbridge Concierge Service Ltd. to apply the amount stated above to my credit card.

Signature _____ Date: _____