

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in hosting a UMKC – Applied Language Institute international student. Hosting an international student can be a memorable and very rewarding experience. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with the basic information about our program.

The length of time a student lives with a host varies with each student. Some students are here for a short time and some for a semester. Some students stay several years. When I contact you about a potential student, I will tell you how long they initially plan to stay. If they plan to stay in the U.S. longer and want to stay with you, this is something they will discuss with you once they arrive.

Most of our students do not have a car, so they need transportation. If you work at UMKC, you can bring the student as you come and go. If you do not, can the student walk or is there an easy bus connection? Their classes in the fall and spring semesters will be from 9:00am and 2:00pm; Monday thru Friday. In the summer, classes start at 8:30am and end at 3:00pm. You will probably come earlier and stay later. They can wait for you in the cafeteria, library, or student union and work on their lessons.

I need to know if you prefer a male, female, or either. You have the option of providing food or not. If you provide food, you will cook dinner and have breakfast food available for the student to prepare. If food is provided the student will pay \$800 a month directly to you. If food is not provided, the student will pay \$500 a month directly to you. In this situation, the student needs space in the refrigerator and cabinets/pantry to store his/her own food.

This experience can be an interesting and exciting opportunity for you to learn about other cultures. Many of our hosts have been with us for five to ten years. Some hosts have stayed in touch with their student after he/she returned home. Some hosts have traveled to visit their former students. This is also a “part-time job” for you. There will be some adjustments and inconveniences. As a part-time job, there is some effort on your part to help the student as he/she adjusts to a new culture and language. Despite this, I can honestly say, that it is a win-win situation.

In order to begin our work together, please answer the questionnaire below. Once I have received the completed questionnaire back from you, I will schedule a time for us to meet and talk about the program.

Let me know if you have any other questions,

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## HOST INFORMATION SHEET

### Main Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Secondary Contact (if there is more than one adult in the house)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Children at home

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Pets

Do you have pets in the house? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

If yes, what type of pets, and how many: \_\_\_\_\_

### Transportation

How will the student get to school? Walk \_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_

If the student travels by bus, how long is the bus ride? \_\_\_\_\_

If the student walks, how long is the walk? \_\_\_\_\_

If the student travels with the host, what time do you leave the house and what time will you pick up the student? \_\_\_\_\_

**Bedroom**

Are bedroom linens provided?            Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Describe the furnished room:

**Bathroom**

Is there a private bathroom offered to the student?    Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

If shared, how many people will share this bathroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Who buys toilet paper?            Host \_\_\_            Student \_\_\_

- All other personal items are the student's responsibility

**Kitchen**

Will the host provide meals (breakfast and dinner) for the student?    Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Is the kitchen available for the student to use?            Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Are pots, pans, and dishes provided to the student?        Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Is the student expected to help with cleaning in the kitchen?    Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Will the host show the student how to use the kitchen if necessary?    Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

**Laundry**

Is the student allowed to use your washer and dryer?        Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Does the student need to buy his/her own laundry supplies?    Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

**TV/Internet**

Is a TV available for the student?            Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Do you have cable?            Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

Do you have wireless internet?            Yes: \_\_\_            No: \_\_\_

**Phone**

Do you have a home phone? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

If yes, can the student use the phone for local calls? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

- Students should not be allowed to use your phone for long distance calls.
- Students usually have cell phones.

**Curfew**

Is there a curfew at your house? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

If there is, what time is it? \_\_\_\_\_

**Smoking**

Is the student allowed to smoke outside? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

**Visitors**

Is the student allowed to have visitors on occasion? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

**Description of homestay**

Please write a short bio sketch about you and your family, and common activities and interests that the student may be involved with while staying with you.