

Homestay Payments

Guidance for Students & Hosts

Monthly Homestay Fees:

- Rates are set by the college and are non-negotiable. Students should not request adjustment to the fee, and hosts may not request additional fees.
- Monthly fee is due on the first day of each month.
- If student moves into a home mid-month, student will pay the daily rate until the first of the next month.
- If student moves out of a home mid-month, they will pay the daily rate only for the days they are in the home.
- Students should pay in cash. Other payment options, such as wire transfers, mobile payment apps, or checks, may be used only if preferred by the host family.
- Student will begin paying the 18+ rate for the Homestay Fee, the calendar month following their birthday. Fee is not prorated during the month of their 18th birthday.

Vacations and Absences:

- If a student is away for short periods of time, he/she is expected to continue paying the Monthly Homestay Fee. However, if away longer than three weeks (22 days or more), then student may pay \$10 per day for the days they are gone, and the daily rate for the days of the month they are in the home.
- If a student is away for one quarter, they have three options:
 1. Retain current Homestay bedroom with student belongings set up in the room: Student and Homestay Family are encouraged to coordinate a written agreement regarding the amount to be paid during this period. The Homestay Program suggests \$60 per week.
 2. Pack all student belongings and vacate the bedroom: Student removes all of their personal items so that the bedroom becomes usable to the host family. Student may request that the host family store their belongings at their home (closet/garage), and should offer to pay a storage fee.
 3. Remove all belongings from the home: If the student chooses to remove all of their belongings, they will pay no fee during the absence, but may request to return to the home after their return to Spokane.

Security Deposit:

- The Homestay Office requests that all students place a \$400 Security Deposit with their host family, to demonstrate the student's commitment to honor program guidelines. Students who comply with the program will receive these funds, in full, at the conclusion of the Homestay. Funds may be used by families, with Homestay Office approval, for the following reasons:
 - ▷ Damage to the host home or property
 - ▷ Unpaid bills or obligations to the host family
 - ▷ Monthly fees when moving out of Homestay without giving 30-day notice
 - ▷ Cleaning fees when cleaning is not completed by the student

