

GENERAL HOST INFORMATION

1. **OUTINGS:** Students should be invited to join family outings when possible. If the family is expecting the student to pay all or part of his/her expenses, it should be made clear before the outing. The amount of money the student needs should be stated.
2. **SHOPPING:** During the required overnight stay, we ask that you assist the student with moving into his/her dorm room. This assistance includes taking the student to local stores to purchase items he/she did not bring (bed sheets, pillows, etc...). The student has spending money and is responsible for paying for this shopping trip unless other arrangements have been made.
3. **RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:** To learn more about American culture, host families are encouraged to invite students to accompany them to functions outside the home, including religious services or activities. Proselytizing, however, is absolutely forbidden. Students have the option to refuse attending religious services or activities.
4. **ABSENTEE HOSTS:** On visits subsequent to the required stay, the host family may leave the student unaccompanied in the host home at their own discretion. Please be sure the student feels comfortable about the absence. The host family may list additional rules for this period of time and review the rules with the student.
5. **LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:** Please remember you are not only letting the student stay with you, you are also agreeing to help the student acclimate themselves with American culture. Keep in mind that communication may be difficult for some students at first. Getting to know each other and establishing a relationship takes time.

HOST FAMILY OBLIGATIONS

1. **ACCOMODATIONS:** Host family shall provide a bed (or mattress and linens), a private sleeping area, and appropriate bathroom facilities for each student hosted.
2. **TRANSPORTATION:** Host families agree to pick the student up from John Carroll University (JCU) on the day that he/she arrives in the U.S., and to return the student to JCU the next day for move-in (or make the necessary arrangements). Host family agrees to provide transportation as reasonably necessary during orientation. Transportation for all subsequent visits should be arranged between the host family and the student. If your home is accessible through public transportation, we recommend that you ride with the student one time so that he/she is aware of the system.

3. **MEALS:** Host Family agrees to provide three meals per day, or the equivalent, during a one-night stay. If you order food to be delivered or choose to eat out during the one-night stay, the student should not be asked to pay. During all other visits agreed upon by the host family and student, meal arrangements are left to your discretion. Please inform the student ahead of time if he/she is expected to provide money for groceries or cover his/her portion of a meal's bill.
4. **SAFETY:** Per this agreement, the host family agrees to provide a safe environment for the student. Any illegal activity during their stay is strictly prohibited. The student should feel comfortable in the home as well as in the neighborhood. The Host Family agrees to provide safety advice as is necessary.
5. **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION:** Host students are bound by the drinking laws of the State of Ohio. Any students at or above the legal drinking age must follow the drinking policies of the host family.
6. **MEDICAL ISSUES:** In the case of colds or other routine medical needs, the student has full access to the health center on campus. In the event of serious illness, accident, or severe medical distress, host family agrees to transport the student to a nearby medical facility or facilitate contact with emergency first responders.
7. **BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Applicants to the SLHF program must submit to a JCU Human Resources (HR) background check if one has not been conducted within the past 3 years. Applicants should be aware that the background check, conducted by JCU HR, will include a county, state, and national criminal record search, as well as a state motor vehicle report. Negative findings resulting from this background check may disqualify an applicant from the SLHF program, but will be handled confidentially within JCU HR protocols. The cost of the background check will be paid for by the SLHF program.

I have read the above Obligations and agree to the conditions for participation as stated.

Host Family Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____