

# HOMESTAY APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in hosting an EarthCorps international participant. We are committed to finding the right match for our international participants and our homestays! Please complete the following form to assist EarthCorps in finding the right match for you and/or your family.

# **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Host Family Primary Contact Person:		
E-mail:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Home Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:

## FAMILY INFORMATION

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Family Members (living at home)	DOB	Occupation	Interests

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Name:	Relationship to Host Family:
E-mail:	
Cell phone:	Home Phone:

# FAMILY BACKGROUND and PREFERENCES

Primary Languages Spoken at Home:	
Other Languages:	
Have you hosted a foreign student for another program?  Yes No If YES, describe your experience:	
Please describe the general lifestyle and values of your household.	
Have you or someone in your family traveled outside of the United States? Where? For how long?	
What do you hope to gain from this experience:	
What are your preferences for a participant? Indicate as many as you like:	
Regional Preference: Asia Europe/Russia Latin America	
🗌 Africa 🗌 Oceania 🗌 Any	
Gender Preference: Male Female Either	
Other Considerations:	
Rules of your house on alcohol and smoking:	
What kind of participation would you like to have in EarthCorps? Indicate as many as you like:	
Attend Global Café (Oct) Attend EarthCorps Annual Gala (Sept or Oct)	
Attend Final Dinner (Dec) Uolunteer for environmental service	
Other:	

# Homestay Family Background Check and Press Release Form

# **Background Check Release Waiver**

EarthCorps conducts background checks for all homestay family members (over the age of 18) to verify that there are no findings that would prohibit the homestay family from performing the services associated with hosting an EarthCorps international participant.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, agree to allow EarthCorps to conduct a General Criminal Record background check with the Washington State Patrol. These records give information about criminal convictions and arrests less than one year old that are pending formal conclusion of any criminal justice proceeding in the state of Washington.

Name:	Social Security Number:	DOB:
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Signature	Date	

Press Release Form	
I,, the undersigned, agree to allow EarthCorps to reprint or quote any of my written comments or use pictures of myself for publication or promotional purposes.	
Signature Date	

How did you hear about EarthCorps' Homestay Program?		
<ul> <li>EarthCorps website/newsletter</li> <li>Poster: location</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	Other newsletter: Word of mouth referral	

## EarthCorps Homestay Family Agreement

This is a Homestay Family agreement between EarthCorps (6310 NE 74th Street, Suite 201E, Seattle WA, 98115) and the homestay family named below.

### Homestay Responsibilities:

The homestay family will provide adequate sleeping quarters to meet the needs of the international participant including bedding and privacy. The homestay family will make available a variety of well-balanced food choices taking into consideration participant allergies and diet preference. While the participant may help with household duties, chores must not interfere with EarthCorps activities.

#### **Homestay Stipend:**

The homestay family is eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$500 dollars a month from EarthCorps. This amount may be prorated if a participant is in the home less than one full month. Homestay support money may be considered miscellaneous income by the IRS. EarthCorps must provide information to the IRS for homestay stipend payments that exceed \$600 in a tax year. Waiving part or all of the homestay stipend is <u>not</u> considered a tax deductible donation.

### **Emergencies:**

The homestay family will instruct the participant on the course of action to take in the event of a fire, earthquake or other emergency. The homestay family will follow the emergency procedures as outlined in the homestay handbook for any medical emergency. The homestay family will notify EarthCorps if a participant moves from their home or is missing.

#### **Conflict Resolution:**

The homestay family will discuss any unresolved misunderstandings or conflicts between the homestay family and the participant with the EarthCorps contact, the International Coordinator. EarthCorps will make every attempt to facilitate the resolution of situations.

## Changes:

The participant will be removed from the homestay family home if any of the above agreements are not met. The participant will be removed if there are any reported incidents of drug or alcohol abuse, or harassment. The homestay family will notify EarthCorps if there are any changes in home situations. EarthCorps reserves the right to replace or remove the participant if there are significant changes in the home.

I,	_, agree to the above terms.
Signature	Date
EarthCorps Representative Signature:	Date: