

## HOMESTAY STUDENT APPLICATION 2026-2027

Now is the time to begin planning for the vacation periods during the 2026–27 school year. Please remember that the dorms will be closed during Fall, Winter, and Spring Vacations, so it's essential to have a plan in place.

Where will you stay? Will you travel home? Most students consider one of the following options:

- **Traveling with family** – Some families use school breaks as an opportunity to vacation and explore different parts of the United States together.
- **Staying with a family friend** – If you have close family friends living in the U.S., this may be a comfortable option.
- **Visiting a classmate or dorm mate** – Some students arrange to spend the break at a friend's home.
- **Participating in the WMA Homestay Program** – We may be able to match you with a local host family through our WMA Homestay Program. Placement is not guaranteed. Matches with host families will be made between October 15 and Nov 1, 2026 .

Start thinking about your preferences now so you'll be well-prepared when the time comes.

### What is HOMESTAY?

HOMESTAY is a unique opportunity for students to live with an American host family during school breaks. While a small fee is paid to the family, the focus of the experience is on building relationships—not simply renting a room.

Our HOMESTAY host families are carefully selected for their kindness, warmth, and genuine interest in sharing their homes, traditions, and daily lives with our students.

Students who participate in HOMESTAY often find that their English improves naturally through everyday conversations and interactions. They also gain valuable cultural experiences by joining their host families in a variety of activities such as holiday celebrations, religious traditions, family outings, and sporting events.

Perhaps the most meaningful part of the HOMESTAY experience is the lasting friendships that often form between students and their host families.

*Please complete the following form and submit it to the Director of International Student Program, Mrs. Hsiao at [ghsiao@wma.us](mailto:ghsiao@wma.us) by October 15, 2026. If you are interested in learning more or have questions about the program email Mrs. Hsiao at [ghsiao@wma.us](mailto:ghsiao@wma.us)*

WHAT IS YOUR NAME? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE IS YOUR HOME (NOT YOUR CAMPUS HOME)? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT IS YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER? \_\_\_\_\_

DORM PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

WMA ADDRESS

WB Room \_\_\_\_\_ Smith Room \_\_\_\_\_ Rich Room \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School Dorm \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE YOURSELF AND YOUR INTERESTS.

Are you:

- |                                   |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Outgoing    | <input type="radio"/> Tidy         |
| <input type="radio"/> Shy         | <input type="radio"/> Serious      |
| <input type="radio"/> Independent | <input type="radio"/> Talkative    |
| <input type="radio"/> Quiet       | <input type="radio"/> Modest       |
| <input type="radio"/> Energetic   | <input type="radio"/> Adventurous  |
| <input type="radio"/> Sociable    | <input type="radio"/> Affectionate |
| <input type="radio"/> Optimistic  | <input type="radio"/> Curious      |
| <input type="radio"/> Cheerful    |                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Other _____ |                                    |

MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE PETS. CAN YOU LIVE WITH A HOST FAMILY THAT HAS DOGS OR CATS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING IN YOUR FREE TIME? WHAT HOBBIES OR INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE?

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DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ALLERGIES? (FOOD, ANIMAL, PLANT) HEALTH PROBLEMS OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT DATES ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A HOMESTAY? Please check all that you feel you may need to stay with a host family. You are not obligated to go to the assigned homestay until two weeks prior to the start date.

☐ FALL VACATION - Friday, November 20 (begins after last obligation on the 20th, (dorms close on Nov.21 at noon) Dorms reopen at 8am on Monday, November 30. Classes resume on Tuesday, December 1. Fee: \$770.00

☐ WINTER VACATION - **There are NO homestay host families available for this vacation period. Make plans to go home.**

☐ SPRING VACATION - Friday, March 5 (Spring Vacation begins after last obligation on the 5th, dorms close on March 6 at noon). Dorms reopen at 8am on Monday, March 22.

Classes resume on Tuesday, March 23. Fee: \$1,260.00. *Since this is such a long vacation period, it is advisable to make plans to join a school trip or to go home*

FILL OUT THE ATTACHED FORM TO INDICATE HOW YOU INTEND TO PAY FOR YOUR HOMESTAY. YOU MAY USE CASH, A CHARGE CARD, OR A WIRE PAYMENT. PAYMENT IS DUE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR HOMESTAY.

This student questionnaire should be filled out and submitted to Mrs. Hsiao as soon as possible and no later than October 15, 2026. Host families are also filling out questionnaires so assignments will be made based on matching your interests and lifestyle with the host family's.

**THIS IS THE SHEET YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MRS. HSIAO BY  
October 15 – Make a copy for yourself**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register me for the following HOMESTAY dates:

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**You may cancel your HOMESTAY reservation before the vacation period without penalty.**

I will pay the HOMESTAY fee using

- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Credit Card
- ☐ Wire transfer

All payments should be made in person by you visiting the Business Office no later than two weeks prior to the start of the HOMESTAY visit.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

