



Frequently Asked Questions

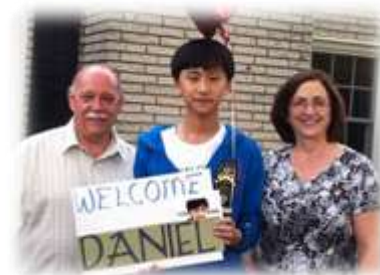
Who is gphomestay? Gphomestay is a sister company of The Cambridge Institute, an international education consulting firm bringing international students to attend over 220 private high schools across the United States. Gphomestay was founded in 2011 to provide residential solutions for students and strives to make over 1,000 students feel at home each school year.

What is the length of student stay? Students are in the U.S. for the 10-month academic year and many students return for consecutive academic terms. We ask our hosts to commit to the 10-month academic school year.

Can the students speak English? All students have been interviewed over Skype by school officials to ensure that they have the necessary qualifications to succeed in an English-language study environment.

What are hosts committing to? Prior to student arrival, complete the Host Family Orientation. During student's stay:

- ✓ School transportation
 - Drop-off: Max 30 minutes before the start of school.
 - Pick-Up: Max 1 hour after the last school activity (last class, or extra-curricular)
- ✓ 3 nutritious meals every day including one hot home-cooked meal
- ✓ Private bedroom: bed, dresser, closet, desk with reading lamp, chair
- ✓ English speaking environment
- ✓ Airport pickup – When the student is first arriving for the school year and leaving for home



What services are provided to host families? Generous monthly stipend of \$900, 24/7 support in case of emergency, bilingual conflict guidance and mediation, training for host family on protocols and cultural sensitivity, quarterly activities

What does the Stipend Cover? 3 meals a day, daily transportation to and from school, general household costs and utilities

Is the stipend taxable income? Yes. Hosts are contracted to provide the service of hosting an international students. All hosts are required to submit a W9 and are issued a 1099 form at the end of the fiscal year.

How do I become a host?

1. Discuss the opportunity with your family.
2. Complete a host inquiry at www.gphomestay.com or call 781-996-0429 during business hours.
3. You will receive more information from a gphomestay representative via phone and invited to complete an online application.
4. Your gphomestay representative will schedule a site visit to meet with you and your family in your home.
5. Everyone over the age of 18 will be asked to complete a background check and a Homestay Provider Contract will finalize your approval!
6. Once you are approved we can present your host profile to potentially be matched with student.

What is a Site Visit? This is a chance for us to meet you and your family and discuss the opportunity to host. Gphomestay will tour your home, take photos of all rooms student will have access to, and these photos will be presented to the student in a Host Family Profile. First impressions are important!