

UVic Homestay—Placement Policies

- ✓ **Single Institutional Placements** — Due to capacity issues, we cannot guarantee that only one student from your university will be placed in a home. *If single institutional placements are a priority for your university, then we would be happy to suggest other private homestay providers in Victoria. Please contact us for a list.*
- ✓ **Mixed Genders in the Home** — Many of our homestay families have been in our program for years, if not decades. Families that started hosting when their children were babies or toddlers likely have teenagers or young adults now. For example, if a family with young sons hosted female students, they may still be hosting females even though their sons are now older (aged 12+).

If a student would prefer to be in a home with children of the same gender only, then please ensure this request is clearly indicated on the student's homestay application. Not all students may be accommodated for this type of request, as it is subject to availability. *Please note that in cases where there is a host brother AND sister in the home, we **do** place female or male students in those homes, regardless of the host sibling's age.*
- ✓ **Single Host Homes** — In our program, we have single female hosts and single male hosts. Approved hosts provide us with a preference to host either male or female students. While it is not our practice to place female students in a home where there is only a host father, if there is a daughter (aged 8+) living in the home full time, we do place female students in that home.

- ✓ **Four to a Home** — We will be allowing up to four students in qualifying homestay homes. A maximum of four students will be placed in the home, typically during peak times. All will be of the same gender. *Each student will have his/her own bedroom, and the home must have at least two bathrooms for student use.*
- ✓ **Same-nationality Placements** — To accommodate the increasing number of students who need homestay placements year round, four students of the same nationality may be placed within the host home during peak times. Each student will have his/her own bedroom. *Placing four students of the same nationality in a home is not common, but it does happen during peak times, or if a host offers the best fit for the students.*
- ✓ **Placement Through Service Agreement** — We are working with local homestay providers to help us secure homes for students when our host homes have been filled. The homestay providers we are working have handled placements for several of our partner institutions when we have reached capacity. The Service Agreements have been vetted by UVic Legal, Privacy and Purchasing. *During peak times, your students may be placed through our Service Agreement homestay providers and not in-house.*
- ✓ **Group Chaperones** — Group Chaperones not registered in English Language programs cannot be accommodated in the UVic Homestay Program. *If your university requires accommodation for a chaperone we recommend booking at local hotels, Airbnb, or the above local private homestay providers.*

Our priority is always to ensure the high quality of our student-host relationships and of our students' experiences.

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