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HOUSING APPLICATION

1) PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last name(s): _____ First and middle names: _____

Sex: M ≤- F ≤ Birthdate : ____/____/____ Age: _____
dd / mm / yy

Marital Status: _____ Nationality: _____ Passport number: _____

Permanent address: _____

Post Office Box Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Fax: _____

Home University: _____ Degree: _____

Program or major to be attended in Costa Rica: _____

2) RELATIONSHIP NORMS BETWEEN THE HOST FAMILY AND VISITING STUDENT:

The following housing norms established by the Program of Studies in Costa Rica are presented to facilitate a good relationship between the host family and visiting student. Please read them thoroughly, as these norms are obligatory for both parties.

The student should:

1. Respect the customs and beliefs of the host family.
 2. Consult the family about the household norms.
 3. Determine the schedule of meals, in accordance with the family, considering his/her academic activities.
 4. Bring your own bath towels, washcloths, and personal items.
 5. Receive guests solely with the family's consent.
 6. Refrain from having parties or get-togethers without the family's consent.
 7. Avoid inviting guests to sleep over in your bedroom.
 8. Abstain from inviting friends to eat in the home without prior consent of the family.
 9. Advise the family if you are going to return during the progress of the day, or if you will not be returning at all that night or through the weekend.
 10. Practice normal personal hygiene.
 11. **Use the telephone** only to make calls at a maximum of two local calls per day, with a duration of not more than five minutes each. The student will not be able to accumulate minutes from one or several days for the purpose of using them at a later date.
- The student will be able to receive international calls in the home, but will not be able to make long distance calls from the family's telephone, unless a calling card is used. Contrary to other countries, telephone service is relatively expensive in Costa Rica, as a fixed rate for local calls does not exist. The rates increase according to the number and duration of calls made. Being as such, the student should take this situation into consideration and respect the norms established in this document.
12. Host family changes should be justified and authorized by the Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation,

Program of Studies in Costa Rica.

13. The student must arrange his / her own transportation facilities from Airport to Host house and from there to Airport.

The family should:

1. Express to the student the norms that are appropriate for the home, which should not contradict those established in this document.
2. Provide the student with a private bedroom that has: a bed, closet, night stand, desk with student lamp, garbage receptacle, mirror and either a private or shared bathroom.
3. Provide the student with a set of keys to the house and indicate the established security methods for arriving to and leaving the home.
4. Respect the student's privacy.
5. Provide the student with 2 meals per day on the weekdays in which the student has classes scheduled, and three meals per day on vacations, weekends and holidays.
6. Furnish the student with clean bedding, which should be changed at least once per week.
7. Provide laundry and ironing services at least once per week.
8. Permit the use of the telephone for a maximum of two calls per day, with a duration of five minutes each. The Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation is not responsible for telephone bills the student leaves without having paid.
9. In order to facilitate the students' learning and practice of Spanish, the family should speak exclusively in that language to those students who do not come from Spanish -speaking countries. The family should speak in the students' language only in special circumstances.
10. The family should not solicit a monetary loan from the student, or equally, anticipated expenditures outside of the established housing payment period set by the Office of International Affairs and External Cooperation.
11. Remember that upon receiving a visiting student in the house, they should be seen as an additional member of the family, which implies including them in family activities, given the student be interested in participating.

The student, as well as the host family, may contact either the people in charge of housing at **207-4093** or the Student Mobility Unit at **207-5443**, to express any concerns, recommendations or difficulties that could eventually occur in the student/host family interaction with respect to compliance of the norms established in this document or other circumstances. Remember that clear and honest communications, just as mutual respect, are fundamental for a good host/student relationship.

AMOUNT TO PAY

The established amount for housing is U.S \$400 per month. The student must pay the **total amount** of his / her stay at his / her arrival to Costa Rica plus U.S. \$75 for administrative costs of the International Affairs and External Cooperation Office.

I agree to abide by the norms established by the Student Mobility Unit for the facilitation of a good relationship between the host family and visiting student:

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: ____/ ____/ ____
dd / mm / yy

3) ENTRANCE INTO THE COUNTRY

Date of arrival to Costa Rica: _____ Airline: _____ Flight number: _____ Time: _____

4) LENGTH OF STAY

Host family housing requested: from: _____ to: _____
dd/mm/yy dd/mm/yy

5) GENERAL INFORMATION

A) Describe the host family with which you would feel most comfortable during your stay in Costa Rica. What are your expectations with respect to this family? _____

B) Would you prefer to live with a family with: children younger than 12 years Adolescents
 Adults No preference

C) Would you object to live with a family that has pets: Inside the house Outside the house Both
Specify the type of pets you prefer not to be around: _____

D) Do you smoke? Yes No

E) Would you object to living with smokers? Yes No

F) Do you pertain to a specific religion: _____

G) Do you follow any special diet? (Vegetarian, no sugar/salt, other) Specify _____

H) Do you have any health condition that the host family should be informed about? Do you take any type of medication?

6) PERSONAL INTERESTS

We would like to know a little more about your interests and expectations for the purpose of trying to assign a family compatible with your characteristics. Please respond to the following questions.

A) What are the personal and professional reasons for which you desire to visit Costa Rica?

B) How would you describe yourself to your future host family? What aspects of the various areas of your life would you like to share with your host family before your arrival to the country? For example, activities that you like or dislike, sports that you practice, hobbies, etc.

In case of emergency, contact:

Name: _____ Relation to the student: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E - mail: _____