

Homestay

Why become a Homestay?

Becoming a homestay is truly a rewarding experience. The Canadian families benefit from learning other cultures, customs and languages. The international students have the opportunities to fully immerse in the English speaking environment and experience the true Canadian life.

How to become a Homestay?

- Complete the Homestay Family Application Form and submit to:

Homestay Coordinator
Barb Dueck
Email: dueckb@calvinchristian.mb.ca
Mail: 245 Sutton Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R2G 0T1
Fax: 204-339-3280

- Homestay Coordinator will contact you to arrange a visit to your home.
- All household members over 18 years old must complete a Provincial Child Abuse Registry Access Application to be forwarded by Calvin Christian Schools to Child Abuse Registry Unit for verification.
- In addition, each household member over 18 years old is required for Criminal Record Check.
- We will notify you with regards to application approval or rejection.

Homestay Fee

Homestay fee of CDN\$700 per month payable to each homestay family includes room and board for international students. In addition, homestay families are expected to involve international students in various activities throughout the school period.

Homestay Responsibilities

- Attend Calvin Homestay Family Meetings;
- Check on school progress of the international students;
- Provide daily meals for international students;
- Contact International family by email periodically;
- Maintain a record of international student spending and monitor their pocket money;

- Participate in recommended community activities and visits on the Recommended Activities list for International Students.

Calvin Christian School will provide a copy of the Homestay Guide to each homestay family prior to the beginning of the school year or semester.

Program Support

- Homestay families have the opportunity to meet every 4 -6 weeks to discuss concerns, progresses and share their experiences.
- The International Student Program website provides details of the program, updates and upcoming events. Homestay families can also exchange information on the Forum.
- Homestay Coordinator and Director of International Student Program are available to answer questions and help address any concerns homestay families may have.

FAQ

1. Do I have to make special meals for the international student?

No. Just cook as you normally do for your family. You can try cooking some foreign dishes but it is not expected for you to go out of your way. There are supermarkets where you can purchase authentic foods. Please see Culture Learning.

2. Can I sign permission slips for field trips for my international student?

Yes. Homestay parents have the authority to sign permission slips for field trips and school activities.

3. Do the international students have medical and dental coverage?

Yes. All international students must purchase health insurance plan to study in Manitoba. The coverage is effective from the time they arrive in Winnipeg to the day they leave. However, the insurance plan does not provide dental or eye care coverage. If the students require dental work or eye care, they are responsible for the cost.

Calvin Christian School will provide detailed health insurance coverage information to students and homestay families prior to the beginning of the school year or semester.

4. Can my student go for a sleep over or have a friend sleep over?

Students are NOT allowed to attend a sleep over. You can allow your student to have a friend sleep over at your home.

5. How do I deal with international student's bad behaviour? (Skipping school, being disrespectful to others etc.)

Please report the incidents to the Homestay Coordinator, the school as well as the Director of International Student Program. The international students will be treated as any other students in the school should any bad behaviour occur.

6. Does each international student have to have his/her own bedroom in the house?

It is preferred but not mandatory. International students can share a bedroom with no more than one (1) child in the household. However, each international student must have his/her own bed and a place to study.

7. How often should the international students call home while staying with us?

They can call home at their discretion in the first couple of weeks after their arrival. After that, they should only be calling home once a week.

8. Should I give them chores to do?

Yes. They are to be treated just like your own children. If your kids have household chores so should they.

9. Can we travel to the U.S.A. with our international student?

Generally, an international student can travel to the U.S.A. if

- he/she is granted a visitor visa from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>) OR
- he/she is a permanent resident in the USA who holds a green card OR
- he/she is a U.S. citizen

For information regarding application for a U.S. visitor visa (B-2), please visit U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website mentioned above.

10. Who is the legal guardian of the international students?

Director of International Student Program is the legal guardian.

Culture Learning

Local Restaurants, Supermarkets and Recipes

- **Korean**

- ❖ ***Be One Restaurant***

- 1811 Portage Ave
Winnipeg MB
(204) 831-8377

- ❖ ***Korean Museum Restaurant*** (www.righthere.ca)

- 472 Stradbrook Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 775-5353

- ❖ ***Korean House Restaurant***

- 870 Logan Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 772-1966

- ❖ ***ARIRANG Oriental Food Mart***

- 1799 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 831-1212

- ❖ ***Recipes***

- 1) **Korean Infogate**

- <http://www.koreainfogate.com/taste/food/recipe/main.asp>

- 2) **Life in Korea**

- <http://www.lifeinkorea.com/Food/recipes.cfm>

- 3) **Korean Eats**

- <http://www.koreaneats.com/index.htm>

- 4) **Cooks.com**

- http://www.cooks.com/rec/search/0,1-0,easy_korean_food,FF.html

- **Chinese**

- ❖ ***Kum Koon Garden***

257 King St.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 943-4655

❖ ***Huang Pu River Restaurant***

2-1875 Pembina Hwy
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 261-4407

❖ ***Victoria Seafood Restaurant***

1086 St. Mary's Rd.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 255-0665

❖ ***Ha Long Bay***

772 Notre Dame
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 775-5777

❖ ***SUN WAH Supermarket***

303 King St.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 944-9162

❖ ***Wenkai Garden Fresh Market***

2247 Pembina Hwy
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 269-9182

❖ ***Oriental Market & Co., Ltd.***

268 King St.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 943-4103

❖ ***Recipes***

1) **Chinese Food DIY**

<http://www.chinesefooddiy.com/>

2) **Chinese Food Recipes**

<http://www.chinesefoodrecipes.net/>

3) **Chinese food Recipes**

<http://www.chinesefood-recipes.com/>

4) **Index China**

<http://www.index-china-food.com/>

- **Brazilian**

- ❖ ***Recipes***

- 1) **Cook Brazil**
<http://www.cookbrazil.com/>
- 2) **Cooks.com**
http://www.cooks.com/rec/search/0,1-0,brazilian_food,FF.html
- 3) **Sally's Place**
http://www.sallys-place.com/food/ethnic_cusine/brazil.htm

- **German**

- ❖ **Gasthaus Gutenberger & Catering**
2583 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 888-3133

- ❖ ***Recipes***

- 1) **Kitchen Project**
http://www.kitchenproject.com/german/german_food_recipes.htm
- 2) **German Culture**
<http://www.germanculture.com.ua/recipes/blrecipes.htm>
- 3) **Recipes4us**
<http://www.recipes4us.co.uk/Cooking%20by%20Country/Germany.htm>

- **Japanese**

- ❖ ***Edohei Sushi & Japanese Restaurant***
A-355 Ellice
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 943-0427

- ❖ ***Masa Japanese Restaurant Ltd.***
10-2077 Pembina Hwy
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 261-3131

- ❖ ***Meiji Sushi & Japanese Restaurant***
454 River & 10-1875 Pembina Hwy
Winnipeg, MB

(204) 284-3996 & (204) 453-1120

❖ ***Miyabi Japanese Restaurant***

159 Osborne
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 888-0028

❖ ***Wasabi on Broadway***

588 Broadway & 101-121 Osborne St.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 774-4328 & (204) 474-2332

❖ ***Wasabi at Home Supermarket***

202-90 Osborne St.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 475-1828

❖ ***Recipes***

1) **The Black Moon**

<http://www.theblackmoon.com/Jfood/food1.html>

2) **Japan Guide**

<http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e620.html>

3) **Japanese Life Style**

<http://www.japaneselifestyle.com.au/food/food.html>

Culture and Language

- **Korean Culture**

http://english.tour2korea.com/02Culture/main.asp?kosm=m2_1

- ❖ ***Korean Centre***

- 150 River Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
452-9893

- ❖ ***Korean United Church of Winnipeg***

- 905 Sargent
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 775-7771

- **Chinese Culture**

<http://www.chineseculture.net/>

❖ **Winnipeg Chinese Culture Centre** (<http://www.wcccc.ca/>)
2nd floor, 180 King Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
R3B 3G8

Telephone: (204)943-2627 or (204)943-1197
Fax: (204)944-8308
Email: wcccc@mts.net

❖ **Chinese United Church of Winnipeg**
281 Pacific
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 943-3052

❖ **Chinese Buddhist Association of Manitoba Inc.**
585 Cumberland
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 784-9641

- **Brazilian Culture**

http://www.brazilsf.org/brazil_culture_eng.htm

- **German Culture**

<http://www.tlc.kherson.ua/~alex/germanculture.htm>

❖ **German Society of Winnipeg**
285 Flora Ave.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 589-7724

❖ **German-Canadian Congress (MB) Inc.**
58-81 Garry
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 989-8300

- **Japanese Culture**

<http://www.nihongo.org/english/culture/>

❖ **Manitoba Japanese Canadian Culture Centre**
<http://www.mjccc.org/>
180 McPhillips Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 2J9

Telephone: (204) 774-5909
Fax: (204) 775-6029
Email: mjccc@mts.net

❖ ***Japan Karate Association of Manitoba***

101-52 Albert
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 942-1521

❖ ***Japan Karate Association World Federation of Manitoba***

5924 Roblin Blvd.
Winnipeg, MB
(204) 896-3354