



**Thank you for your interest in the Pembina Trails International Student Program!**

**We look forward to welcoming you to our program. Please complete all parts of this application.**

1. Please complete all sections of the Homestay Family Application form.
2. It is important to provide information as clearly as possible, keeping in mind that abbreviations, acronyms or slang terms may not be understood.
3. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact:  
**Shane Yang, Homestay Facilitator** - 204.488.1757 Ext. 1178 - [sxyang@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:sxyang@pembinatrails.ca)  
**Donna Gray, Homestay Aide** - 204.488.1757 Ext. 1225 - [dgray@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:dgray@pembinatrails.ca)
4. Once we receive your completed Homestay Family Application Form, a representative from our International Student Program will contact you to move forward with the application process.
5. Please note that an International Student cannot be placed in your home without all the appropriate documentation returned to our office substantiating that the mandatory screening checks are completed.
6. The Pembina Trails International Student Program cannot guarantee placement of an International Student in your home. Suitable matches are based on information provided by both the potential Homestay Family as well as the International Student and are at the discretion of the Homestay Department.

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

**A. APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Homestay Parent #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Middle

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Schedule:  Casual  Part-time  Full-time  Shift work

Homestay Parent #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname First Middle

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Schedule:  Casual  Part-time  Full-time  Shift work

Are either Homestay Parents an employee of the Pembina Trails School Division?  Yes  No

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City/Province Postal Code

Status:  Canadian Citizen  Permanent Resident  Other (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other occupants of your household (such as parents, children, grandchildren, students from other programs, etc.):

First/Last Name	Relation	Gender (M/F)	D.O.B. (mm/dd/yy)	School Name or Occupation	Grade

1. What is the primary language spoken in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any language, other than English, that may be heard in your home (this includes watching foreign language TV and/or movies)?  Yes  No

If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is anyone in your family a vegetarian or vegan?  Yes  No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements? (halal/gluten free?)  Yes  No

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have any pets?  Yes  No

If yes, describe please include the pets name, age and breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your pets up to date with their shots?  Yes  No

Has your pet ever exhibited any aggressive behavior to people or other animals?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure you are aware of the City of Winnipeg pet by laws: [www.winnipeg.ca](http://www.winnipeg.ca)

If there are any changes with the pets in your home, please let us know as soon as possible. This includes any "possession" of pets, dog sitting, fostering etc. If your pet displays any aggressive behavior, please let someone in our program know so that we can make an assessment based on the best interests of our students.

## B. PREFERENCES

1. Are you willing to host a student with special dietary needs?  Yes  No

Food Allergies  Gluten Free Diet  Halal Diet  Kosher Diet

Lactose Intolerance  Vegetarian  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you able to host (check one):  One student  Two students  Three students

3. Gender (check one):  Male student  Female student  No gender preference

4. Duration of time you are available to host (check all that apply):

September to June (2 semesters)

September to January (1st semester)

February to June (2nd semester)

Short-term (typically 2 - 3 months)

No preference

5. Grade preference (check one):  
 Junior High (grades 7 - 9)  
 High School (grades 10 - 12)  
 No Grade Preference
6. Culture preference (check all that apply):  
 African    Asian    European    Mexican    South American    No Preference

### C. FAMILY INFORMATION

1. Check the activities your student could expect to experience with your family:  
**Attending professional sports:**  Bombers football    Goldeyes baseball    Jets hockey    Moose hockey  
**Outdoor summer recreation:**  boating    cabin/cottage    camping    canoeing/kayaking    cycling  
 fishing    golfing    hiking    horseback riding    jet-skiing    quadding    skateboarding  
 swimming  
**Playing indoor games:**  air hockey    board games    cards    darts    foosball    ping pong  
 Video games    pool (billiards)    shuffleboard  
**Attending performing arts:**  ballet    concerts    festivals    musicals    plays    symphony orchestra  
**Visiting local attractions:**  art galleries    museums    parks    zoo  
**Participating in sports:**  badminton    baseball    basketball    dance    football    frisbee (ultimate)  
 gymnastics    lacrosse    martial arts    rugby    soccer    swimming    tennis    track    volleyball  
**Winter recreation:**  curling    hockey    ringette    skating    skiing    snowboarding    ~~ski~~  
 tobogganing/tubing  
**Other Activities:**  bowling    church activities    karaoke    reading    travelling  
 watching movies and/or tv    working out at the gym (e.g. YMCA)  
**Any other activities your family participate in:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. What instrument(s) do you have in your home? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Homestay families are expected to provide their International Student with an experience representative of Canada and its traditions. **Please select the Canadian Holidays that you actively take part in:**  
 Easter    Canada Day    Thanksgiving    Halloween    Christmas    Boxing Day    New Year's Eve
4. Are there any health issues or concerns, within your home or family, that would be important for us to know about or that could impact your responsibilities as a Homestay Family?    Yes    No  
 If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Homestay Families are expected to meet reasonable transportation needs for their International Student. Are you, or another adult living in your home, able and willing to meet these needs?    Yes    No  
 If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_
6. How would an International Student be included in your family's activities?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Has your family ever hosted an International Student before?    Yes    No  
 If yes, nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of stay: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Which program/division have you hosted or do you currently host for?: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. How did you hear about our program:  
 Community News Report    Friend or relative    School reader board    Website  
 Other, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
9. What are your reasons for wanting to host an International Student?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do any members of your family smoke?  Yes  No
13. Do you permit smoking in your home and/or garage?  Yes  No  Permit Smoking Outside
14. What are the work schedules of family members?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
15. Please describe a typical family weekday routine:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
16. How does your family usually spend the weekend?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
17. Does your family attend religious services or participate in fellowship/youth group activities? If yes, please specify: *(your response to this question is optional)*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
18. What would you feel is important to inform your student about in regards to your household (e.g. rules, diet, household chores, etc.)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
19. Are you willing to assist your student with homework?  Yes  No

#### D. LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

1. List the schools that are closest to your home:  
 Junior High/Middle School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School: \_\_\_\_\_
2. How would the student get to and from school, and how many minutes would it take?  
 (select the one that applies)  
 Walking \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  Public Transit \_\_\_\_\_ minutes  Being Driven \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
3. How far away is the nearest public transport bus stop from your home? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes walk Location of the nearest public transit bus stop: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe the characteristics of your home:  
 Do you rent or own?  
 Bungalow  Two-story  Condominium  Duplex  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many extra bedrooms are available to host international students in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: We prefer that students be placed in main floor or upper level bedrooms, but if necessary, lower level bedrooms must meet building codes and the lower level must be finished. If bedroom is in lower level, the bedroom window must be a minimum of 3.8 square feet and no one side can be smaller than 15 inches.**

How many bathrooms does your home have \_\_\_\_\_ Full \_\_\_\_\_ Half  
Where are they located in the home?  Main Floor  Upper Level  Lower Level

Backyard features:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other unique features (e.g. pool table, pool, hot tub, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

2. International Student bedroom descriptions:

**Location of bedroom #1**  Main Floor  Upper Level  Lower Level

Window Size (if room located on lower level): \_\_\_\_\_

Furnishings: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Room Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Bathroom:  Private  Shared

**Location of bedroom #2**  Main Floor  Upper Level  Lower Level

Window Size (if room located on lower level): \_\_\_\_\_

Furnishings: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Room Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Bathroom:  Private  Shared

**Location of bedroom #3**  Main Floor  Upper Level  Lower Level

Window Size (if room located on lower level): \_\_\_\_\_

Furnishings: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Room Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Bathroom:  Private  Shared

3. Students will have access to (check all that apply):

Computer  Wireless Internet  Kitchen  Laundry Facilities

**F. HOMESTAY FIRE AND SAFETY AGREEMENT**

1. Is there at least one functional smoke detector on each floor between the bedrooms and living areas?

Yes  No

**PLEASE NOTE: Smoke detectors are mandatory.** For homes built since 1987, if more than one smoke detector is required, they must be electronically interconnected so that if one sounds, they all sound (Manitoba Building Code requirement).

2. Do you check your smoke detectors regularly to ensure they are functioning properly?  Yes  No

3. Do you have a family fire evacuation plan in place?  Yes  No

**PLEASE NOTE: If you do not already have one in place, we require that you create one and plan once every 5 months to explain your evacuation plan to your family and homestay student.** Your signature at the end of this application/agreement will indicate you agree to this.

4. Is your home equipped with a functional fire extinguisher?  Yes  No

5. Where is the fire extinguisher located in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is your home equipped with a functional carbon monoxide detector?  Yes  No

**PLEASE NOTE: a fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide detector are preferable but not mandatory.**

7. Does every bedroom have a window that is fully operational? (e.g. opens and closes properly; handles and other hardware are attached and working properly)  Yes  No
8. Does every bedroom have a window that is fully accessible with no obstructions hindering:
- Access to the window from the inside (no shelving, storage boxes, etc.)  Yes  No
  - Access to the window from the outside (no bikes, deck, lumber, shrubs, snow, etc.)  Yes  No
  - Access out of the window  Yes  No
    - Parts of the window (e.g. screens) cannot be fastened or sealed shut by paint, ice, screws, etc.
    - If window wells are present, they must be clear of any snow, debris, etc. and must not have a fastened cover preventing one's exit from the house.
    - Bedroom windows (on any floor of the house) **cannot** have security bars or fixtures on the windows that require a key or special tool to remove them.

**Please check in support of the following:**

- I have read and understood the Homestay Fire and Safety Agreement.
- I agree to meet the fire and safety requirements stated in this agreement in order to ensure the ~~saf~~ safety of all the inhabitants of my home and to abide by the requirements of the Homestay Program.

## G. REFERENCE INFORMATION

Please provide three character and/or work references (not family members):

	Name	Relationship to you	Phone number	Email
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			

## H. CONSENT AND RELEASE

- The Pembina Trails School Division has my permission to use photographs and/or videos of me, my spouse and/or my child(ren) and/or written work produced by me, my spouse, and/or my child(ren) in any promotional material and/or professional media for their International Student Program.
- I give consent to the Pembina Trails School Division to inquire about my character and suitability as a possible Homestay Family. I hereby release the Pembina Trails School Division and affiliated employees, and any person or institution that provides the Pembina Trails School Division with any lawful information about me, from any and all liability whatsoever resulting from any such inquiry or communication.
- The Pembina Trails School Division International Student Program will create a contact list of ~~homestay~~ homestay families and International students. This contact list will be distributed to current homestay families and is not to be distributed outside of the Pembina Trails ISP community. The purpose of this contact list is to create a support network between homestay families in the Homestay Program.

**I. AGREEMENT OF TERMS**

I declare that all the information provided in this application is accurate and understand that any misinformation will invalidate this application. I understand that if I choose not to comply with any of the items in this application, I cannot be considered for a placement of an International Student.

Homestay Parent #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print full name) (Month/Day/Year)

Parent #1 Signature	Date

Homestay Parent #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print full name) (Month/Day/Year)

Parent #2 Signature	Date