



FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Legal Guardians, and Community Members,

Foxborough High School is inviting up to five international students to join us for the 2015-2016 academic year! This exciting initiative is part of the school district's efforts to expand its global education program. With this comes the exciting opportunity to host a student for the upcoming year. We are looking for host families for these students who can provide the following:

1. A private room
2. Three meals a day
3. A supportive home environment in Foxborough

To attract host families, we are working with *gphomestay*, a sister company of The Cambridge Institute of International Education, our corporate partner of this program. To ensure that this initiative is a success, *gphomestay* is providing Foxborough High School with the following resources:

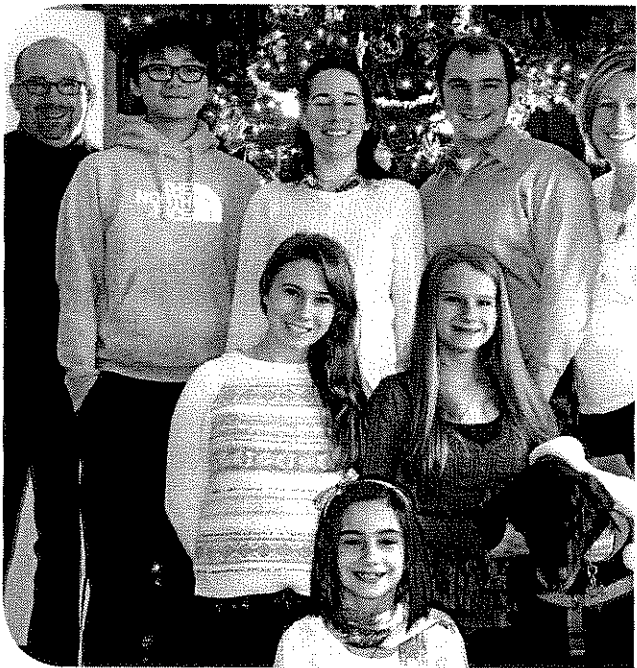
1. A \$10,000 stipend to each host family to offset the costs for bringing an international student into your home (\$1000/month for 10 months)
2. A referral bonus of \$300 to any individual that results in an approved host family application
3. An orientation program for the international students, host families, and the school
4. Access to a local residential coordinator who will be available twenty-four hours a day
5. Support as needed from *gphomestay*'s bilingual and bicultural staff

We are very excited to welcome these students to our school and community. If you are interested in providing a culturally enriching experience for your family, our international guests, and the students at Foxborough High School, come to our **Host Family Parent Information Night on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in Room 122 at Foxborough High School to learn more. You may also contact info@gphomestay.com (781-996-0429) or please fill out an online application at: <http://www.gphomestay.com/Application.html>.

Sincerely,

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EMBRACE A NEW CULTURE

...without leaving home

Now partnering with your neighborhood school, Foxborough High School!

At gphomestay, we know that meaningful cross-cultural relationships foster world harmony across our planet. That's why we pair dedicated American host families with international high school students who are enthusiastic about living in and learning about the United States.

All gphomestay hosts welcoming students attending Foxborough High School are compensated with an annual \$10,000 stipend.

Know someone else from the Foxborough area who might be interested? Refer them to us and receive a \$300 referral bonus when they are approved to host!

Learn more at www.gphomestay.com



PARTICIPATE
in cross-cultural exchange



BUILD
a lifelong relationship



RECEIVE
a monthly stipend
of \$1,000



FOSTER
diversity in
American education

Commonly Asked Questions: Becoming a Host Family with gphomestay

Q. What are the basic requirements for becoming a gphomestay host family?

A. The host family should welcome the student into their home and treat him or her like their own children. Host Families are expected to provide:

- A Private Bedroom
- Transportation to and from school (the school bus is an available option), school events, and social events.
- Three meals a day. If the student prefers to buy the school lunch, they would pay for it out of his or her own funds.

Q. Do I personally need to drive the students to and from school each day?

A. Host Families do not have to transport student if there is a school bus or if they can carpool with a trusted source. However, it is the Host Family's responsibility to bring their student to and from before and after school activities if a bus is not available to them.

Q. Are host families offered any compensation for hosting?

A. Gphomestay provides hosts with a monthly stipend that varies based on the community and the school the student is attending. The stipend is intended to offset the additional costs associated with hosting a student, such as transportation and other utility increases that may occur with an additional person in the home.

Q. What costs are the students responsible for?

A. The student will be responsible for any costs that the stipend does not cover. These items include school supplies, clothes, sporting activity fees, spending money for their own purchases or going out with friends, doctor visits, and if they prefer to buy the school lunch.

Q. Will I have to pay taxes on my stipend I receive?

A. Yes. Stipend payments are considered non-employment income and we will issue you a 1099 tax form at the end of the year. Nevertheless, because hosts must be able to prove the stipend money was spent on the student in order to avoid paying taxes on it, we recommend hosts keep track of spending and speak with a tax specialist in order to deduct from the taxable income the portion that was spent on providing care to the student. We recommend that you consult a tax professional for more information.

Q. What does the application process entail?

A. Our application can be found through our website www.gphomestay.com/application. Once the application is received, you will have a brief phone screen followed by a home site visit and a background check for everyone living in the home over 18 years old.

If you would like additional information on hosting an international student, please contact Jessica at 781-996-0451 or via email info@gphomestay.com.