

NIFS Homestay Program Agreement

(Form #4)

The Nara International Foundation

1. General principles

This program is for non Japanese who wish to gain a greater understanding of Japanese customs, culture and way of thinking through experiencing the daily lives of Japanese volunteer families in Nara Prefecture. This homestay program is not a substitute for cheap / free accommodation. You will be strongly encouraged and expected to interact with your host family.

2. Who can apply

- ① Persons of non Japanese citizenship / residence.
- ② People who have a willingness to learn about Japanese (in particular Nara) lifestyle, customs, and culture.
- ③ People who have their travel activities in Japan center in and around Nara Prefecture.
- ④ People who have not come to Japan on the basis of commercial gain or employment.

3. Period of Homestay

A homestay period is in principle 1 week at most.

4. Matching process

- ① After receiving the application NIFS will scrutinize your application and only approved applications will be processed.
- ② Any change in the dates of the homestay or cancellation cannot be accepted after you have been matched with a host family.
- ③ Even if an application is accepted, there are cases where NIFS will not be able to find you a host family for the desired period. I agree that I have made other provisions in the case that NIFS does not successfully secure a host family for me.

5. Cost

- ① You must bear all transportation, sightseeing, dining, communication and personal costs during the homestay period.
- ② The host family will provide the meals eaten at their home and cater for your accommodation.
- ③ Homestays that exceed 6 nights require ¥1500 per night after the first 6 nights (payable from the 7th night onwards).

6. Accident during homestay

- ① In the unlikely event of an accident during your homestay or home visit, NIFS and the host family will not be held liable.
- ② You must be willing to take full responsibility for all your actions during the stay.
- ③ Your host family's volunteer insurance costs will be borne entirely by NIFS.

7. Insurance

NIFS STRONGLY advises you to take out travel and medical insurance before your departure to Japan.

I hereby understand and agree with all of the above conditions. I will keep a photocopy of my application as a record and send the original application to NIFS for perusal.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____