

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY and the _____ family commit themselves to the following agreement for the SECOND SEMESTER 2002 – 2003, beginning on January 6, 2003 and ending on May 18, 2003.

Commitments of the host family:

- To pick up the exchange student at the airport at his or her scheduled arrival time (information to be provided in advance). To receive him or her as another member of the family.
- To help the student during the first days in the country. To talk over the rules of living together established internally in the home clearly and very openly.
- To orient the student to his or her new “neighborhood” and teach him to use transportation to and from the USFQ campus.
- Not to leave the student alone in the home for long periods, especially not during the first days of his or her stay in the country. Families that need to leave the city must contact the Resident Director and make the necessary arrangements so that the student receives adequate attention and food and that his or her clothes are washed and ironed.
- To provide the student with a private room. Under no circumstances may a student share a room with another member of the family. To give the student a safe place (strong box) where he or she can leave personal documents and valuables, or allow him or her to keep these belongings together with those of the family.
- To respect the religious beliefs of the student.
- To speak Spanish with the student and to help him or her understand the culture of Ecuador.
- **FOOD: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:** breakfast and dinner. The student will be responsible for his or her own lunch. **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:** three meals: breakfast, lunch and a snack. We ask that the food be nutritious, balanced and a sufficient quantity.
- To provide the student **WASHING AND CLEANING OF CLOTHES**, not including dry cleaning. If the student insists on doing this chore for him/herself, explain how s/he should use the washing machine for his/her clothes or any specific rules about where s/he can find tools for washing and ironing.
- To give the student the keys to the house in order to facilitate his/her independence and safety in the city, explaining to him or her the norms of security of his/her room and the house.
- To teach him/her the basic norms of night-time security (neighborhoods to be avoided, not to go through the streets alone, taking taxis in groups, being careful with alcoholic drink, etc..)
- To respect the privacy and time of the student and his/her dietary customs.
- To dialog with the student when daily problems come up in order to maintain a healthy relationship.
- Not to receive any other foreign student as a member of the family at the same time; an exception is authorized only for families receiving students in the GAIAS program for spring, 2003 and then only during the month of January, 2003.
- To allow the student the use of the telephone. The student will be allowed to make short local calls. International calls can be made with a credit or calling card purchased by the student or collect. We recommend that you establish a reasonable schedule for use of the phone; the student should know the cost of local calls and be informed if calls to cellular or international calls are blocked from your phone.
- If the family wishes and has it, you may permit the student to use the internet, but the student will have an account with the USFQ.
- To maintain constant communication with the Resident Director in order to avoid any problems that may come up while the student is lodged with the family and to request that the student leave the family through the Resident Director in cases where the student does not adapt or does not comply with the established rules.

PAYMENT

- The family will receive a check on the 20th of every month in payment for the lodgings of the MSU student.
- Payment will be **US \$11 daily from Monday through Friday**, for room and two meals (breakfast and dinner) and laundry and **US \$13 a day on Saturdays and Sundays** for room and three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and laundry.
- During vacations established on the USFQ’s academic calendar, if the student leaves the city, the family will receive normal payment.
- If the student decides to stay in the country longer after this contract has terminated and the family accepts it, payment will be the responsibility of the student.
- We ask that students be permitted to leave suitcases in the family home while they travel outside the city at no additional cost.

ALL THESE MATTERS WILL BE COVERED AND DISCUSSED WITH ALL STUDENTS DURING ORIENTATION.

Thank you for receiving the student and thereby contributing to the success of this program.