The opportunity to live with an Irish or UK family even for a short time is described by many of our former participants as one of the highlights of their orientation experience. It is a unique way to gain a small and personal glimpse into your host country’s culture and lifestyle. A homestay allows you the opportunity to see a community and region that are not located where you will be studying. It also allows you to interact with people of a different profile to students your own age - for example older people or children. It may even be the beginning of an association and friendship that will continue long after your brief time with your hosts is over. The homestay is arranged through the Experiment in International Living (EIL) who has been providing these unique opportunities for students for years. Many of the host families volunteer each and every year and you will find a warm welcome as well as a desire to share their country with you. All that is required is your interest and curiosity. Due to scheduling conflicts, certain programs in the UK will not have time for the homestay experience before classes begin. If your program scheduling prohibits a homestay before classes begin, we will offer to arrange this experience for you later in the semester/term.

In order for EIL to arrange the best possible placement that matches your personal profile, you are required to complete the homestay questionnaire. Our website, http://www.arcadia.edu/cea/preparingtogo contains more information about the homestay and special requests. It is important that you read the homestay section carefully before completing this questionnaire. Submit the online homestay form along with your Intent to Enroll form as soon as possible, as we cannot arrange housing or homestays until we receive your $500 deposit.

I understand and accept the guidelines and information regarding Homestay as outlined on the Center for Education Abroad’s pre-departure website at http://www.arcadia.edu/cea/preparingtogo.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ____________________

Homestay is arranged as part of the orientation program. It does not pertain to your housing/accommodation for the semester/year. Because the homestay is such a valuable experience, it is a mandatory component of the orientation. However, in some cases due to scheduling conflicts, certain programs in the UK will not have time for the homestay experience before classes begin. If your program scheduling prohibits a homestay before classes begin, we will offer to arrange this opportunity for you later in the semester/term.

1. Introductory Letter
Your host family would like to know something about you. Please write a brief introductory statement below. (You may want to share information about your family, where you live, where you go to school, hobbies and interests, etc. It doesn’t need to be long, just personal).
Name: ____________________________________________

II. Personal Information

Gender:  ☐ male  ☐ female

E-mail Address (so that your host family may contact you): _____________________________

Emergency Family Contact: ________________________________________________________

(name)                        (telephone number)                         (country)

Date of Birth: ______________________

Religious preference (optional): _______________________________________________________

Are you willing to attend religious services with your hosts?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

If you have any other special requirements, please give details:

N.B. Students who require Jewish family homestays should remember that a homestay in the fall usually coincides with Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. If you require a Jewish family homestay, or special arrangements to be made, please indicate above. We will do our best to accommodate your wishes, but we cannot guarantee Jewish homestays, and, depending on the number of special requests, you may be traveling to your host location alone or with other students. Please take the time now to think about special requirements since arrangements will be made based on the information you provide on this form.

Interests: (Check all that apply)

☐ baseball  ☐ cooking  ☐ golf  ☐ piano  ☐ singing  ☐ swimming
☐ bicycling  ☐ dancing  ☐ hockey  ☐ reading  ☐ skating  ☐ theater
☐ camping  ☐ fishing  ☐ jogging  ☐ riding  ☐ soccer  ☐ TV
☐ cinema  ☐ fitness  ☐ mechanics  ☐ sailing
☐ computers  ☐ gardening  ☐ other: ____________________________

Kind(s) of music you enjoy:

☐ pop  ☐ jazz  ☐ classical  ☐ folk  ☐ rock  ☐ opera  ☐ other: ___________

Would you like to be placed in a family with children?  ☐ yes  ☐ no  ☐ no preference

III. Medical Information

Do you have any physical conditions or limitations that would require special consideration?  
☐ yes  ☐ no

Please detail:

Do you smoke?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

If yes, do you agree to give it up during your stay?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

If no, do you object to being placed in a household with smokers?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

Are you allergic to or do you have an aversion to any animals?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

Please give specifics:

Do you have any other allergies?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

Please detail:

Do you have any dietary restrictions or foods you do not eat?  ☐ yes  ☐ no