

About ILI

The International Language Institute of Massachusetts (ILI) is a private, not-for-profit language school located in downtown Northampton, Massachusetts.



Since 1984, ILI has earned a distinguished international reputation for its excellent language and teacher training programs. ILI's mission is to promote intercultural understanding by providing quality language instruction and teacher training. We are accredited by the American Council of Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) and the International Association of Language Centres (IALC). We are members of the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP).



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Host *an* International Student



A Guide for Hosts



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- ➔ **OUR STUDENTS** are 18 years or older. Many are already pursuing careers or a higher university degree. Others want to improve their English to attend university in the U.S. Students come from all around the world and from a wide variety of backgrounds with diverse ethnic and religious beliefs. Students enrolled in the Intensive English Program sometimes need to prepare for university studies in the US and need to improve their English skills. Some need to learn English for business purposes, or perhaps they are just here for the experience of living and studying English in the US.

Students enroll in the intensive program for 21 hours a week, Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2:30 pm, 9 am to 12 on Fridays. (There are no classes on Friday afternoons). Some students like to spend the afternoons with new friends exploring the town, while others tend to go home and study.

- ➔ **HOSTS PROVIDE** a private room with a desk or table and a good light for studying, a good chair and dresser and most of all, a warm and friendly environment.

We offer our students two options for housing:

- A room without meals for \$125/week.
- A room with meals for \$200/week.

A room with meals includes breakfast and lunch (which are usually light meals that the students can prepare themselves) and dinner (usually with the host and/or family). A room without meals means the student has access to the kitchen to prepare their own meals



and to store their own food. Our prime concern is to make our students' experience in the US enjoyable and memorable.

We would like students to be treated as a member of the family and be included in activities when appropriate. Participating hosts find hosting international students to be a rewarding and enlightening experience.

- ➔ **ILI'S ROLE IN THE HOME-STAY** is to match students with their hosts in order to ensure a successful home-stay. During the first week of the program we conduct a student orientation meeting about living abroad and with hosts. Students also receive a handbook with further guidelines. The Housing Coordinator is available to you and the students to answer questions or solve problems. We also encourage ongoing feedback from the host and the students and offer support as needed.

We invite hosts to participate in as many school activities as you are able to, particularly in our annual picnic at Look Park.

Every two weeks, host families receive a check from ILI to cover the weekly stipend.

- ➔ **TO BECOME A HOST** ILI asks prospective candidates to fill out an application form and return it to the Housing Coordinator, Amy Ben Ezra. She will then make an appointment to meet the host, see where the student will stay, and answer questions about the program. More information can be found on our website: www.ili.edu. Click on "**Host a Student**"

- ➔ **QUESTIONS?**

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