

Auburn University Internship Housing Guidelines

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Overview

The following topics are suggested guideline topics that should be communicated between the Auburn student and the host family. Honest and open conversation is encouraged as soon as possible. The Auburn student is a guest in the home of the host, and such, should conduct themselves accordingly. A part of the experience for the Auburn student is to engage in the culture, community, and if possible, the family atmosphere. The key to success for both the host family and the Auburn student is early discussion of expectations. Due to the variances in family dynamics, schedules, and expectations the following should be adjusted on each individual basics. These are the suggest guideline topics.

Expenses

X amount – X weeks

There are no expectations for host families to pay any outside expenses such as gas, meals, food, clothing, personal hygiene items, and/or laundry/bath/kitchen supplies for the student in their home. However, if specific products must used, communicate that information to the student.

If a security deposit is required for the tenure of the stay, that deposit amount should be communicated to the student. At the conclusion of the tenure of the stay of the student the security deposit's timely return (less incidentals, if any) should be a priority.

Meals

There are no expectations for the host family to provide food or prepare meals for their Auburn students. However, Auburn students should be allowed access to the kitchen facilities. Students are expected to clean up after they use the kitchen facilities. Host families should provide guidelines and instructions, if needed. If the host family wants to include the Auburn student in any meals, they may do so, but is not an expectation.

Additionally, host families should not take offense to being turned down by their Auburn students desire to dine separately from their host families.

Restaurants

There is no expectation of the host family to invite or pay for any of the student's meals. If students are invited to join the host family for a meal off premises, it is to be understood that the student is paying for their own food/drinks/etc., unless otherwise expressly stated.

Housekeeping

The Auburn student is a guest in the host family's home. The expectation is for the Auburn student to keep their living quarters neat, clean, and orderly. Guidelines regarding recreation facilities (pools, game rooms, outside settings, etc.), use of TV or music should be discussed at the outset.

Laundry

There is no expectation for the host family to do the Auburn student's laundry. If the host family is comfortable sharing their laundry equipment, guidelines should be set. If host families do not provide laundry facilities on premises, please give the Auburn student directions to a close, safe, and clean laundromat.

In the event that host families are willing for Auburn students to utilize their facilities there is no expectation that host families provide detergent/soaps/fabric softeners/etc. for their Auburn student. If host families are willing to provide laundry materials, that should be communicated to the student. Conversely, if laundry materials will not be provided, host families should provide instruction on particular brands/types/etc. required.

Technology

Auburn students are expected to bring their own computers, printers, and any other technical devices that they may require. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the Auburn student to provide the equipment/servicing/materials of their personal devices. There is no expectation for the host family to provide these materials.

Transportation

There is no expectation for the host family to provide any form of transportation for the Auburn student. Students that bring their automobiles are responsible for securing their own parking. Ideally, there would be a safe place for the student to park their own car, but in the event that no space is available host families are not responsible for altering their individual routines to accommodate the student.

In the event that parking is not available on site, this information should be communicated to the student as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Host Family and AU Student Expectations

The expectation from the host family is to provide safe and clean living quarters for the Auburn student. The Auburn student is a guest in the host family's home, and time schedules, days away, noise levels, etc. should be respected and honored at all times as set forth by the host family.

The expectation of the Auburn student is honest and open communication from the host family. The Auburn student should be provided privacy. The Auburn University Internship Housing Initiative provides opportunities for the Auburn student to observe different cultures and a different way of life from Alabama.

Auburn students will need time to adjust, assimilate, prepare, study, and to complete all the expectations of serving in their intern role. The internship role can be a stressful time in any young intern's life, and being away from home in a new environment can be even more trying for some students. Host families and Auburn student should respect one another's time and privacy.