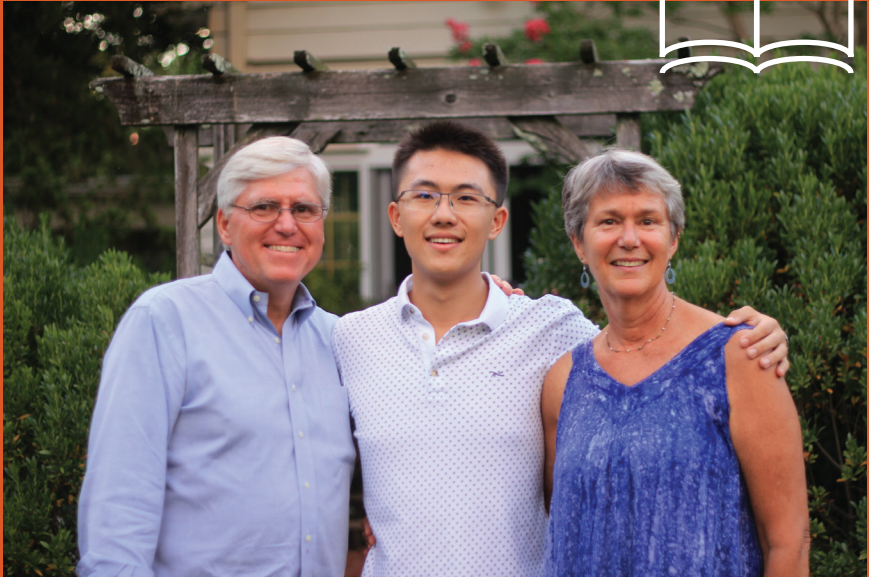


GERMANTOWN FRIENDS SCHOOL



*International
Student*

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

In order to encourage and foster connections among cultures, Germantown Friends School offers a homestay program for students from other countries who wish to attend GFS.

Our entire community—international students and their parents, all members of GFS families, and the student body at large—benefit from this program, as GFS continues to expand global diversity and awareness.

Advantages of our homestay program include:

- International students experience language and cultural immersion in a protected setting
- International parents are assured for their child a safe home and a family that is part of GFS and known by the GFS community
- GFS students will get to know a student from another country, developing friendships and cultural awareness
- Host parents provide their own children with a unique opportunity for cross-cultural exchange

GFS supports host families by providing:

- A monthly stipend for room and board
- All necessary legal contracts
- Trimester reports on student progress
- Liaison for all international student and parent concerns

GFS supports ISP students by providing:

- Medical Insurance
- Cafeteria Meal Plan
- Funds for transportation
- Individualized academic support

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Host families will support the student by providing:

- Bedroom and a desk
- Two meals per day
- A warm and welcoming environment in which to live and study

Host families are NOT responsible for:

- Medical insurance
- Books
- Incidental expenses

Other Ways to Get Involved:

- Host a student over winter or spring break or a long weekend
- Invite a student for a special holiday gathering at your house
- Take a junior or a senior for college visiting
- Offer to carpool to sports or evening events
- Invite a student to join you on trips to the mall
- Pick up a student at the airport

Next Steps:

- Interviews with Penka Slavova, Coordinator of International Student Life
- Home visits, forms and clearances



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