



Mission Statement: *...reaching out to encourage a lifelong journey of global peace and understanding*

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Dear CETUSA Host Families,

Thank you for being such an important part of the international exchange experience for our students! This program would not exist without you. While we hope that the experience of sharing your home and your family with an international student is a reward in itself, we would like to make you aware of an IRS tax break for which you may qualify as a volunteer host family.

Here is an excerpt of IRS publication 526 that address Charitable Contributions; please talk with your tax preparer for details.

Expenses Paid for Student Living With You

You may be able to deduct some expenses of having a student live with you. You can deduct qualifying expenses for a foreign or American student who:

1. Lives in your home under a written agreement between you and a qualified organization (defined later) as part of a program of the organization to provide educational opportunities for the student,
2. Is not your relative (defined later) or dependent (also defined later), and
3. Is a full-time student in the twelfth or any lower grade at a school in the United States

You can deduct up to \$50 a month for each full calendar month the student lives with you. Any month when conditions (1) through (3) above are met for 15 or more days counts as a full month.

For the full publication, please go to page four of <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p526.pdf>.

Thank you!

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