

## Colorado Rapids Homestay Program Prospective Host Family FAQ

### ***How will my family benefit from being in the Homestay Program?***

The Colorado Rapids invests in our Homestay Program and hosted athletes because we believe them to not only be exceptional athletes, but also exceptional people, with a strong work ethic and good character. For families with children, hosted athletes can serve as role models by offering a glimpse into what it takes to be a high-level soccer player.

Additionally, each host family will receive a monthly stipend of \$800 per hosted athlete to support expenses related to hosting, have access to events with other host families, and other appreciation events with the Club.

### ***What are the requirements to host an athlete?***

Engaged host families are critical to the success of our Homestay Program. The primary responsibility of the host family is to serve as a family away from home for the athlete(s) they host.

Logistical requirements include:

- Individual furnished bedroom for each athlete to be hosted in the home
- Ability and willingness to provide hosted athlete(s) with three square meals a day
- Ability and willingness to transport the athlete(s) to program activities
- Ability and willingness for all adults in the home to pass a background check, complete abuse prevention training, and engage in frequent check-ins with the Club and hosted athlete's family

### ***How does the athlete-host family matching process work?***

The Club makes every effort to ensure that there is an alignment between athlete(s) and host family background, values, and lifestyles. Athletes, their families, and prospective host families will be able to meet either in-person or virtually in advance of a final decision to host the athlete(s). After a series of in-person or virtual meetings, the Club will seek feedback from each party before making a final decision.

***Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Rapids Homestay Program!***  
***Are you ready to learn more? Reach out to [Homestay@ColoradoRapids.com](mailto:Homestay@ColoradoRapids.com).***