What is needed to complete your application

Family Bio

The students and their agents really appreciate knowing more about the family that will be hosting them so we ask that the family write a story about themselves. When the host writes their own story it is much more interesting than what I can do and I am sure that you will want to tell your future guests about yourselves.

Examples:

- Your home, how many rooms, what style.
- Describe your neighborhood, surroundings, what amenities are close by, what you enjoy about where you live.
- What is your motivation for hosting international students?
- What do you enjoy and what have you learned through this experience?
- Talk about your hobbies (also family hobbies).
- What you like to share with your students?
- What kind of food you enjoy and what types do you like making?
- What type of activities and festivities will you include your students to share?
- What you and your family are doing in their lives, and why do other family members enjoy hosting?

These are only suggestions I am sure that you will have many more ideas. Basically make it interesting, personable, fun, and make it your own.

Criminal Record Check

It is now mandated and enforced by Languages Canada that everyone in the hosting household that is 18 years and over must have their <u>own</u> Criminal Record Check on file. All language schools will be required to follow this new ruling. To make this process easier you can apply online. The company name is Back Check and their website is: <u>http://backcheck.net/stgiles/</u>

House Rules

We call them "Household Courtesies and Guidelines" and I would like to have a copy of your guidelines on file at our office.

Pictures

Please send pictures of your home especially the areas that the students will be using, (bedroom, washrooms, kitchen, etc.)

References

We really need these and it is especially nice if one of our wonderful established host families recommended you. We also like to contact other schools that you deal with.