



Become a Host Family for MECDHH/GBSD

MECDHH/GBSD is seeking Host Families for the 2022-2023 School Year. We have one high school student who lives more than 50 miles away from the MECDHH/GBSD Site-based Program at Portland High School in Portland.

Earn extra income and enjoy every minute with Deaf high school students. If you have energy, enthusiasm, and a spare room and bathroom, here's a great opportunity for you if you live within a 25-mile radius of Portland High School.

Applications must be received no later than November 9, 2022.
Email your application to suzy.sargent@mecdhh.org.

1. Host Application

Complete the application form and submit it. A welcome email will be sent to you. Please ensure you have filled in all the sections of your host profile.

2. Site Visit at Your Home

Our team will contact you to schedule an interview. Interviews may be virtual. A MECDHH/GBSD Staff member and a Consulting Social Worker will visit your home to meet you and inspect the student room/s and home environment. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions, discuss your expectations, learn about the placement process, and get to know our staff.

3. Background Check

A background check is necessary to ensure the safety, security, and wellbeing of our students. All adults in the household will be required to have a background check. For more information, go to <https://maine.gov>.

Additionally, each adult in the household will provide two references to MECDHH. One will be a work supervisor, the other may be from a community member.

4. Host Family Follow-up Visit

A follow up host family visit must occur with each host family. The follow-up visit must take place no more than 30 days after the student has moved into the family.



Host Family Expectations

1. Provide a safe environment Sunday evening through Friday morning that will offer the student the experience of living as a member of your family. Some students may choose to arrive after school on Monday.
2. Provide the Student with a private, clean, and warm/cool bedroom, good healthy food for breakfast and dinner, laundry facilities, and a bathroom that is not shared by the family.
3. Only provide single room accommodation. Two Students of the same gender can share a room only if there is sufficient space for their belongings as well as study space.
4. Offer help, guidance, and encouragement for positive study habits
5. Orient the Student with House Rules, i.e., dinner time, what chores are to be shared, no smoking, no alcohol, internet usage, and bathroom conduct.
6. Host Families are expected to be United States Citizens.
7. Communication/language needs of our students will be matched to a Host Family.
8. Host Families are not expected to drive Student(s) to and from school during the school day. MECDHH/GBSD is responsible for arranging transportation. **Note:** In the event that a student experiences illness at school, the Host caregiver will be expected to pick up the student(s) from school and take him/her back to the Host Family home. If the Student(s) needs to go to their own home, a student's family member will be expected to transport the student back to the family's home.
9. Host Families will be paid \$1,000.00 per month, per student, to cover the costs related to room and board. Students will be responsible to have their own spending money. The \$1,000.00 is 1099 income. Income and deduction of expenses will need to be reported to the IRS.
10. Current PHS staff may not be a Host Family.
11. Host Families must live within a 25-mile radius of Portland High School.
12. Fingerprints and a background check must be completed on all adults over the age of 18 who reside in the home. The cost of the background check will be reimbursed by MECDHH/GBSD.
13. Evidence of homeowners' insurance to cover students must be provided to MECDHH/GBSD. Please check with your insurance company to see if liability limits need to be increased.
14. Animals in the home will be considered on an individual basis. Proof of rabies shots and adherence to state and health code requirements (e.g., licenses) must be provided to MECDHH/GBSD.
15. Host families must allow MECDHH/GBSD staff and the Consulting Social Worker access to do site visits when requested.
16. The MECDHH/GBSD Executive Director has the right to terminate a Host family arrangement if deemed unsafe.
17. The Host family has the right to terminate the Host family arrangement if student behavior is deemed unsafe.



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GOVERNOR BAXTER SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

One Mackworth Island, Falmouth, ME 04105

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Host Parent 1	
First Name:	
Middle Name(s):	
Last Name(s):	
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.):	
Nickname (if other than First Name):	
Physical Address:	
E-mail Address:	
Cell Phone No:	
Date of Birth:	
Are you ASL fluent?	
Religious affiliation or Faith tradition (if any):	
US Citizen yes/no	
Employer:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Supervisor:	
Host Parent 2	
First Name:	
Middle Name(s):	
Last Name(s):	
Suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.):	
Nickname (if other than First Name):	
Physical Address:	



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E-mail Address:	
Cell Phone No:	
Date of Birth:	
Are you ASL fluent?	
Religious affiliation or Faith tradition (if any):	
US Citizen yes/no	
Employer:	
Employer Address:	
Employer Phone Number:	
Supervisor's Name:	
Briefly describe your neighborhood and community	
What points of interest are near your area (parks, museums, etc.)	
Children of Host Family	
How many children do you have?	
Names/Ages	
Other Residential Members of the Household: Names/Ages	
Animals in the home:	
Type/Name:	