

Home Stay Tips *for Hosts*

Thank you for agreeing to host a Beloit College student in your home in connection with a job shadowing event. Your support helps us provide meaningful experiences for students and introduces them to the wider Beloit Alumni community.

In order to help you prepare and connect with your student, we have gathered information about the logistics of hosting.

Inform us about your home environment, so we can pair you with a good match. It's important to know:

- If you have pets, children, or other roommates/housemates.
- If you feel comfortable hosting a student of a different gender than yours. (We ask students, similarly, if they have preferences for their host.)
- How many students you feel comfortable hosting.



Coordinate travel between your home and your student's job shadowing site. It's helpful to discuss:

- Your schedule—when you go to work, your commute and when you return.
- If you can pick your student up when they first arrive to your city. This is usually the day before at a common location.
- Public transportation and tips for navigating it or how you plan to help transport your student to their job site each day.
- Basic city know-how! Please remember that this may be your student's first time to your city, so please help with orienting to major landmarks and neighborhoods.

Create space for your student. A few things to consider:

- Students are happy with a variety of sleeping options, from fold out couches to spare bedrooms. Since your student will only stay one or two nights, a couch in a family room can be a good solution.
- Students will need access to a bathroom early in the morning to prepare for their day.
- Students receive a food allowance during their trip, but it is helpful to provide them with breakfast and snack food during their visit.

Share your experiences as an alum.

- The main benefit of housing a student is the connection you build. Please share your Beloit experience as well as what you learned after graduation. How did you get your start?
- Take the time to get to know the student. They can connect you with current events on campus and help you to see the ways in which the college has grown.

*Thank you for contributing to the education of today's Beloiters! Your support provides an experience that builds their capacity to reflect on their education, to transfer skills from the classroom to the real world, and to articulate their strengths to a variety of audiences. If you have any questions, or need support from us, please connect with us at lapc@beloit.edu. **Thank you!***

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