

## HOST FAMILY SELECTION PROCESS

### Host Family Screening & Matching

INESLE Madrid host families are looking to provide great care for their host students. They also want to share their home with a young person from another country and have a meaningful cultural exchange experience. When a student apply to become part of INESLE Madrid program, we assure that our students will be placed with a carefully screened host family, who is excited to welcome our students to their home and Spain.

### Host Family Screening

INESLE Madrid only accepts host families who can provide a comfortable and supportive environment for their American students. INESLE Madrid requires that families complete our host family application, which includes detailed information about the family's children, occupations, reasons for hosting an American student and information about their home and community. Additionally, INESLE Madrid also requires references completed by non-family members to ensure the family's suitability to host a student.

Every host family is interviewed in-person by INESLE Madrid Director in the host family's home. During the in-home interview, the Director will meet all members of the family, assess the host family's home (including the room for the student) and discuss the family's motivation for wanting to host an American student. The Director provides the family with helpful information about what to expect once the student arrives to their home.

### Matching Process

INESLE Madrid use a customized system to search for and review profiles of compatible students.

After the host family selection process, both students and the host family are required to speak to each other over the phone, skype or other means of communication at least two times prior to start the program. When speaking to a family, students should inquire about the family's children, lifestyle and interests.

## How We Screen Host Families

INESLE Madrid screens host families as closely as it screens students. We want to ensure that great students are matched with great families. All potential host families go through a multi-step process which begins with the completion of a [detailed application](#) and a [reference check](#).

### 1. Host Family Applications

Interested host families complete a detailed application. The application includes a family profile, details on lifestyle and hobbies, and an essay about why they would like to participate in the program. Families also submit references.

### 2. Host Family Home Evaluations

Once the application has been reviewed and references checked, the family is scheduled for an in-home interview. The Director interviews each family in-person and assesses a family's suitability for the program. The interview covers the family's background, their commitment to cultural exchange, plans for scheduling the student's time, and the home environment.

### 3. Interviews with students

Once a family has met all of our requirements,

The interview with the students participating in INESLE Madrid program is a chance for the organization and the student to learn more about each other. The organization will share information about the program. The student will share their background, experience, and what they hope to gain from the Spanish and cultural immersion program.

### 4. Host Family Selection and Matching

At INESLE Madrid, we seek a mutual match between the host family and the student.