



# Appleby Guardian and Host Family Program 2025-2026

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## **Appleby Guardian Program 2025-2026**

Appleby College requires that each distant and international boarding student has a Guardian while attending school. A distant boarder is a student whose primary residence is located more than 250 kilometres from the Appleby campus in Oakville, Ontario. An international boarder is a student whose primary residence is outside of Canada. The Guardian is essentially a support system for the student and a contact for the school. The Guardian must be English speaking, and a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident over the age of 21, residing within Ontario.

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) requires all applicants under the age of 18 who are applying for an initial Canadian Study Permit or renewal to provide a Notarized Custodianship Declaration as part of their Study Permit application. This original document must be provided by your Guardian/representative and submitted with your application.

Distant and international boarding students' families have the following options for securing a Guardian:

### **Option 1: Identify Own Ontario-based Guardian**

Distant and international boarding students' families may identify their own Ontario-based Guardian for their child. The Guardian must be English speaking and over the age of 21. To choose this option, please complete the information as requested in the online registration process.

### **Option 2: ISGC Guardianship**

If you do not have a Guardian for your child, Appleby College has retained the professional services of International Student Guardianship Canada (ISGC). ISGC assists our international families in a variety of capacities.

Complete details of ISGC's Guardianship Packages and explanations of the services are included in the following pages.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUARDIANSHIP CANADA

Supporting International Students In Canada



## ISGC Guardianship Program for Appleby College 2025-2026 School Year

International boarding students must have a legal guardian while attending school in Canada. The guardian is an additional support system for the student and acts as a local contact for your child's school. International Student Guardianship Canada (ISGC) offers professional guardianship services that include emergency, immigration, academic, travel, and disciplinary support.

### ISGC Guardianship

#### Professional Guardianship Services

The key to a successful experience in Canada is having a reliable and caring support network. ISGC staff work as a team to ensure we are always available and our students are well supported throughout their school year.

#### ISGC IS HERE TO HELP



**Emergency  
Contact**



**Local  
Support**



**Dedicated  
Team**

#### Why do I need to appoint a guardian for my child?

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) requires all applicants under the age of 18 who are applying for an initial Canadian Study Permit or renewal to provide a Notarized Custodianship Declaration as part of their Student Permit and Visa application. The guardian remains on file with the Canadian Government as your child's local representative. This original document must be completed and notarized by the Guardian/Custodian as well as natural parents.

ISGC will provide the necessary instructions to complete the parent portion of the document; however, you can view a sample here: [www.cic.gc.ca/English/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf](http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf)

A guardian plays an important role in your child's safety and well-being, while providing you with the peace of mind that you have a local contact in place while your child is studying in Canada.

### Guardianship for Your Child

**International Student Guardianship Canada (ISGC)** assists international families with a variety of student services. ISGC is a professional, full service agency with many years of experience caring for international students. We provide prompt, friendly service to your child while maintaining contact with parents and schools to better understand their needs.

## **ISGC Guardianship Program:**

### **Package 1 – Full Guardianship**

**\$2500.00 CAD + tax (13%)**

*Strongly Recommended for all first time Appleby students and for students whose parents' first language is not English. This package also includes two (2) Parent-Teacher Interviews and Document Authentication.*



#### **ISGC Application Fee (New Students Only)**

**\$100.00 CAD + tax (13%)**

#### **ISGC's Guardianship Program for Appleby College includes:**

1. 24-hour Emergency Line
2. Notarized Custodianship Declaration
3. Student Welcome Meeting in September
4. Guaranteed Coordination of Homestay, Trips, and Transportation
5. Permission Forms & Leave Approvals
6. Immigration Document Expiration Monitoring
7. Academic Support & Tutoring Coordination
8. Immunization Follow-up
9. Disciplinary Monitoring and Support
10. School Visits & Check-ins
11. Attendance at Graduation & Closing Ceremonies in June
12. Language Support to Parents & Students
13. Parent-Teacher Interviews (twice per year)
14. Document Authentication

### **Package 2 – Basic Guardianship**

**\$1900.00 CAD + tax (13%)**

*Recommended for all students who do not have their own local guardian in Canada.*

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*Guardianship coverage is valid from September 1 – June 30 each year.*

*Pricing effective September 1, 2020 and subject to change.*

To further explain this program, please see the following details:

### 1. 24-HOUR EMERGENCY STUDENT LINE

ISGC will be available to assist students, parents, educational consultants, school administration, teachers, advisors and residence teams with the following emergencies:

- injury or critical illness, hospital visits
- loss of passport
- suspension / expulsion
- family emergencies & emergency travel
- detainment by immigration or law enforcement

Our team-based approach means that we are never unavailable, never on vacation, and never sick. Emergency situations require constant vigilance and attention and that is what we provide.

The ISGC Emergency phone number is 1-647-338-4232. Please ensure that your child has this number at all times.

### 2. NOTARIZED CUSTODIANSHIP DECLARATION

ISGC uses the official recognized Custodianship Declaration document provided by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). ISGC is required to notarize page 1 and provide a copy to natural parents. Natural parents are required to notarize page 2 and provide a copy to ISGC.

The Notarized Custodianship Declaration (CDec):

- is a required document for Canadian Study Permit and Canadian Visa (TRV) applications
- allows ISGC to act in legal, medical, immigration and school emergencies
- allows ISGC to assist with immigration issues when students enter/exit Canada (as required)
- allows ISGC to complete school permission forms (for low-risk activities)

For more information from IRCC, please visit: [www.cic.gc.ca/English/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf](http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/pdf/pub/custodian-parent.pdf)

### 3. STUDENT WELCOME MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

ISGC staff will welcome new students in person. This is a wonderful time to meet our team and understand how our program works. If parents are available for the Welcome Meeting, we would be pleased to have them attend. We will also arrange for a New Student Webinar over the summer to meet students and parents virtually to answer questions.

### 4. GUARANTEED COORDINATION OF HOMESTAY, TRIPS, AND TRANSPORTATION

ISGC guarantees the availability and coordination of short-term homestay, long weekend trips or an appropriate equivalent for school holidays (Thanksgiving, November Break, Family Day Weekend, Easter Weekend, and May Break) and transportation for students under our guardianship program. These school break programs and transportation services are available upon request for long weekends, travel, suspensions, and airport arrivals and departures.

*Accommodation, trip, and transfer service fees will apply. Parents and students must notify ISGC of their homestay needs **two (2) weeks prior** to any requested homestay dates.*

#### Short Term Homestay

- Students stay with vetted Canadian host families
- Includes: 3 meals per day, proper supervision, English-speaking environment, Wi-Fi, private room, access to local amenities via public transportation, and transfer coordination to and from school

#### ISGC Trips

- Fully chaperoned by ISGC staff and a structured itinerary
- Students make friends from many other private schools
- Trip Examples: Toronto, Montreal, winter resort, New York, Chicago, Walt Disney World, Canadian

[www.isguardianshipcanada.com](http://www.isguardianshipcanada.com)

## **Transportation**

We are available to coordinate either individual or group transportation for your child any time.

- Private airport transfers ("Meet & Greet" and full check-in services included)
- Unaccompanied Minor (UM) service by request
- Bus, train & airline bookings

## **5. PERMISSION FORMS & LEAVE APPROVALS**

Schools regularly require signed permission forms for activities outside the normal curriculum or off campus. Boarding schools also require approval for weekend leave requests. Your child's ISGC guardian will provide approvals for activities and events that seem reasonable and do not come with unusual risks.

Your child's ISGC guardian will also approve leave requests for students provided that a certain criteria are fulfilled. For example, students must provide ISGC with addresses, phones numbers and information regarding adult supervision in order for a request to be approved. When in doubt, ISGC will contact the natural parents to discuss the outing or provide reasoning why a leave request was approved or denied.

## **6. IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT EXPIRATION MONITORING**

Students must maintain legal status in Canada at all times. While under ISGC's guardianship (September to June), ISGC will monitor Canadian Study Permit and Canadian Visa (TRV) expiration dates and notify students of these upcoming dates.

Through our experienced and registered immigration consultant, ISGC offers a full suite of immigration support services for initial and renewal applications which can be discussed at any time.

**Students and parents must provide copies of their child's immigration documents to ISGC upon arrival to Canada to ensure accurate monitoring and file-keeping.**

## **7. ACADEMIC SUPPORT & TUTORING COORDINATION**

ISGC is available to facilitate the arrangement of tutoring or academic assistance during the school year. Students and parents with concerns about academic progress or questions about resources for improving academic performance can contact ISGC to discuss available solutions and approaches to academic excellence at any time.

ISGC maintains regular contact with your child's school. As we receive updates and information regarding your child's progress in school we will ensure they are passed on to parents and/or agents. Parents with questions or concerns can always reach out to ISGC and we will contact school administrators and teachers to advocate on a student's behalf.

## **8. IMMUNIZATION FOLLOW-UP**

Canada's provincial governments require that all international students maintain up-to-date immunizations at all times for illnesses such as tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, meningitis, hepatitis b, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Students that do not have the required immunizations will be suspended from school. ISGC and your child's school health department will work together to facilitate the updating of immunization records for the protection of your child and the entire school.

*Student immunization records (in English) must be provided to the school or ISGC before or upon arrival to Canada.*

## **9. DISCIPLINARY MONITORING AND SUPPORT**

If a disciplinary issue occurs at school, such as a suspension or expulsion, ISGC will support your child in a number of different ways, from attending disciplinary meetings as needed to managing the practical issues resulting from a school's disciplinary action (i.e., coordinating alternative accommodation or transportation).

ISGC will coordinate short term homestay arrangements for suspended or expelled students. When

students are required to leave both campus and their residence due to a disciplinary issue and require ISGC homestay service, parents are required to cover the costs of the homestay service as well as transportation to and from school.

#### **10. SCHOOL VISITS & CHECK-INS**

ISGC staff will conduct student meetings at least once per school term. We find these meetings helpful for students to disclose any challenges they are having. While we host group meetings with students for a variety of reasons, our most important function is regular check-ins via email, phone, or video call to ensure students have everything they need to succeed at school and to follow up on upcoming plans and events, such as school breaks or immigration support.

When it comes to overall well-being and physical or mental health, students and parents should never hesitate to contact us if they have any concerns or questions, or require support.

#### **11. ATTENDANCE AT GRADUATION & CLOSING CEREMONIES IN JUNE**

High school graduation is an important time, but it is not always feasible for international parents to attend. ISGC staff attend the graduation & closing ceremonies of all students within our private boarding guardianship, school permitting. It is a wonderful moment, and we always try to capture a few pictures before students run off to celebrate!

#### **12. LANGUAGE SUPPORT TO PARENTS & STUDENTS**

ISGC maintains a number of languages on staff and through our partners including English, Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, German, and Turkish to help us communicate with parents and students when needed.

### **INCLUDED ONLY IN THE FULL GUARDIANSHIP PACKAGE:**

#### **13. PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

ISGC staff will attend two (2) Parent-Teacher Interviews in person or virtually on your behalf to meet with your child's teachers. Meeting directly with teachers offers us insight into how your child is doing and if improvement is needed. We will provide you with a detailed report in English of each class. If, by chance, the teacher is not available to meet in person, we will contact them separately to obtain a written report.

#### **14. AUTHENTICATION OF TRANSCRIPTS**

ISGC will ensure your child's final report card is received and properly authenticated. The authenticated documents will be scanned to you via email and couriered to your home directly.

*Note: Courier fees are additional*

**If you have any questions about the ISGC Guardianship Program, please contact ISGC at 1-416-792-3585 or [info@isguardianshipcanada.com](mailto:info@isguardianshipcanada.com).**

## Host Family Program 2025-2026

Appleby College requires that each distant and international boarding student has a Local Host Family while attending school. A distant boarder is a student whose primary residence is located more than 250 kilometres from the Appleby campus in Oakville, Ontario. An international boarder is a student whose primary residence is outside of Canada.

The Host Family is essentially a support system for the student, acting as a local contact for the school. The Host Family must be English-speaking and must reside within 100 kms of Appleby College.

There are five long weekends during the 2025-2026 school year (see below). The school is open on each of these weekends and boarding students have the opportunity to participate in Appleby's Long Weekend on-campus programme (for a fee) or stay with their Host Family.

The Host Family is responsible for picking up and housing the student on these occasions, unless alternate arrangements are agreed upon between the host family, student and student's parents/guardians prior to such weekends. The same expectation applies should the student find themselves in need of a home due to a disciplinary action. The school is closed for the Winter Holiday and March Break; however, students generally return home during these breaks and do not require housing support.

### Long Weekends for 2025-2026:

Thanksgiving Weekend:	Thursday, October 9 at 3:50 p.m. to Monday, October 13 at 9:00 p.m. (Boarders)
November Long Weekend:	Thursday, November 6 at 3:50 p.m. to Monday, November 10 at 9:00 p.m. (Boarders)
February Long Weekend:	Thursday, February 12 at 3:50 p.m. to Monday, February 16 at 9:00 p.m. (Boarders)
Easter Long Weekend:	Thursday, April 2 at 3:50 p.m. to Monday, April 6 at 9:00 p.m. (Boarders)
May Long Weekend:	Thursday, May 14 at 3:50 p.m. to Monday, May 18 at 9:00 p.m. (Boarders)

Distant or international boarding students' families have **two** options for securing a Host Family:

### Option 1: Local Host Family Arranged by the Distant/International Family

This option is appropriate for a distant or international family who has identified their own local Host Family. The Host Family must agree to the expectations listed below and with this option either the parent or their self-appointed Host Parent would be the main school contact throughout the year. To choose this option, please fill out and submit the electronic Host Parent Information form.

Parents and Host Parents should assist in ensuring the student is properly equipped with necessary school items, including uniform, stationery and appropriate outerwear.

Parents and Host Parents should attend Grade Parties in September and Parent-Teacher Conferences in November and February.



Parents and Host Parents should Read the Code of Conduct, support all school policies, and review these documents with the student.

Host Parents are valued members of the Appleby community and are welcome at all Appleby functions and events open to parents. They are encouraged to communicate with House Directors, Advisors and Faculty if there are any questions or concerns.

**Option 2: ISGC Home Stay Package:**

Appleby College has also retained International Student Guardianship Canada (ISGC) to assist our international families in this capacity.

The ISGC Home Stay Package is a variable option. There is no commitment required, and you may choose to use ISGC's Home Stay services for any number of long weekends as required. During long weekends International students may attend a school or ISGC trip, stay with a friend or local relative, or stay with a local Canadian Host Family through ISGC.

To book short-term Home Stay services through ISGC please contact ISGC directly at 416-792-3585 or [info@isguardianshipcanada.com](mailto:info@isguardianshipcanada.com).

If you have any questions about the Appleby Host Family Program, please contact Adele Sayo, administrative assistant, admissions at 905-845-4681, ext. 188.