# homestay family of the year Award Category

# victorian global learning awards selection criteria

### Homestay Family of the Year Selection Criteria

One homestay family each from a government and non-government school will be selected for this award based on the following criteria:

1. Track record of success in providing high-quality support for international students
2. High level of engagement with the school community
3. Written testimonial from a homestay student
4. Support statement by the school principal which addresses the award selection criteria and corroborates the evidence.

### Application questions

1. **Selection criterion 1:** Describe how the homestay family cares for international student(s), including through family companionship and activities, to help them learn and adapt to living and studying in Australia (maximum 300 words)
2. **Selection criterion 2**: Describe how the homestay family engages in the school community to support their international student(s) (maximum 300 words)
3. **Selection criterion 3:** Please provide a written testimonial from homestay student(s) which addresses the positive impact of the care and support provided by the homestay family (maximum 300 words)
4. **Selection criterion 4:** Please provide a support statement by the school principal which addresses the award selection criteria and corroborates the homestay family's evidence (maximum 300 words).

### Additional Attachments

* Documentation of supporting activities

Judging panel members will consider the following in relation to the selection criteria:

### Track record of success in providing high-quality support

Consider

* testimonials from current and previous hosted students
* length of service in hosting international students
* full compliance with homestay requirements in all site visits
* demonstrated success in assisting students with their study and cultural adjustment to life in Victoria
* demonstrated intercultural understanding of host family members
* examples of going ‘beyond the call of duty’ in supporting hosted students.

### Engagement in school community

Consider

* the nature and extent of the family's participation in a range of community activities
* the hosted students’ contribution to the success of the community activities
* any issues or problems faced by hosted students and how these were overcome.

### Personal qualities of homestay family members

Consider

* the degree to which family members provide a welcoming and supportive environment for international students hosted.