



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY WILLIAM BEAUMONT

HOST (Help Our Students Travel) Program FAQs for HOST Volunteers

What is a host? Hosts are OUWB alumni and Parent Program members who volunteer to host a student visiting your area during residency interviews or away rotations. HOST volunteers help to offset the financial burden of traveling for residency interviews and away rotations by offering students housing, meals, transportation and/or insights on the area and medical community. As a host, you are truly helping a student as they prepare for life beyond medical school.

What time of year will the visits take place? Away electives start as early as July. Most residency interviews occur between October and January.

Where are hosts available? This is a new program, so we are in the process of building a database of volunteers. We'd like to have hosts throughout the country to accommodate student travels.

How do I sign up to be a host? Complete and [submit the registration form.](#)

What is the process for hosting? Once we receive a request for your area, our office will contact you to determine availability. If we are able to match you with a student, we will send an introduction email connecting you and the student. It is up to the student to contact you to share additional details of their travel and interview plans, and to arrange the visit.

How far in advance will I be contacted? Students are asked to contact their host as soon as they receive the contact information. It is also a good idea to re-contact your student prior to your visit.

What happens if travel or interview plans change or get cancelled? The student that you are hosting will contact you as soon as possible to let you know about any change in their travel plans.

What should I do if the student I'm hosting doesn't seem engaged? You may understand or remember what a stressful time residency interviews can be, and students handle this stress differently. Some students may be active and engaged, while others may be more reserved and focused. Please be understanding and respectful of the student's behavior.

Do I need to do anything after the visit? Please send us any photos or feedback you may have of your HOST experience (be sure the student knows you're sharing!). We'd love to share them on the website and through social media to promote our new HOST Program. You will also receive a brief online evaluation.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the HOST program? Please contact Emily Keller, Alumni & Parent Program Coordinator at OUWB, (248) 370-3677, [ouwbhost@oakland.edu.](mailto:ouwbhost@oakland.edu)