

## WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO PAY FOR?

Be up front with your student about what you plan to pay for and what you expect them to pay for.

*Awkwardness arises when lack of clarity results from conflicting expectations.*

**Talk to your students about money.** Money is always a sensitive issue. Some families choose to pay for “everything” some families only pay for the “basics”, and most are somewhere in-between. Make sure your student understands what you expect them to pay for.

**SCHOOL LUNCH** - When you offer to host an AFS student, you commit to room and board. This includes school lunches. Families need to provide a lunch either made at home or by paying for lunch at school. If you offer to provide a home made lunch and the student does not wish to bring their lunch to school, then you have to the choice of paying for their lunch or advising them that it will be their responsibility.

**TRIPS AND TRAVEL** – Families often want to take their student with them on vacation. BE SURE your student understands what you expect them to pay for. I suggest you collect it “up front” or immediately after the students cost of air fare, hotels or any other costs that you agreed on. Do not wait two or three months, the student will forget or think you will not be asking for the money after all.

**LENDING YOUR STUDENT MONEY** – AFS recommends that you do not lend your student money except for emergencies. If you do lend your student money, **be sure they understand it is a loan**, be sure that they know when it is due to be repaid and make sure they do repay it on time. If you do not ask for it, they will forget or assume you do not intend to collect.

**PHONE CALLS** – All students should purchase a phone card when calling long distance.

### Student Responsibilities

The students come with spending money. Some with a great deal of money, some with a bare minimum and again most are somewhere in-between. As the economy here is different from home, they really do not have any idea how much things cost and how much money they will need and how many things there are to spend their money on.

**Concerns about money and recommendation from AFS regarding bank accounts and common expenses - on Page 41 of Host family handbook.**

**Review Sample Budget – Page 65 of the Host Family Handbook.**