



## Topeka RoadRunners Housing Program Information 2017-18 Season

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Topeka RoadRunners Housing Program!

The following is some basic information about the program:

- The RoadRunners place hockey players with host families, or “billet” families as they are often called, during the hockey season. The billet families are an essential part of any successful junior hockey program and the RoadRunners are committed to developing and maintaining a housing program that is second to none.
- The players are between the ages of 16-20, with the majority of the players being 18-20 years old. The players will be coming to Topeka from all across the country, as well as possibly from Canada and Europe. Being so far away from home at this age, the players need a very stable home environment during their stay in Topeka. The Topeka Roadrunners organization is committed to providing the players and their families with a good home during the season, which is why we are seeking your help.
- The players will arrive in late August and will be in Topeka until the end of April. The players are typically given a short period of time to travel home at Christmas.
- Each year a few of the players will still be in high school. High school aged players will either finishing their schooling online or will attend a local high school. Players not in high school will be required to either work part time or take college classes.
- Housing families will receive a monthly stipend of \$300.00 to help offset the cost of housing a player. This is paid directly by the player and monitored by the housing coordinator.
- We have team guidelines and policies that the players must abide by while playing for the RoadRunners, and host families are expected to enforce these team rules. Upon being accepted as a host family, you will be given the team guidelines which will cover such topics as: curfew, social gatherings, problems that may occur, house rules, emergencies, etc. In addition to the team guidelines, players will be expected to follow any house rules that you may impose.
- Players will have practice almost daily, with Sundays generally being a day off. Most players will have their own transportation, but transportation to school and practice is a detail that will be worked out with each player and family.
- As mentioned above, we want our host family program to be second to none. We will work to match each player’s personality and backgrounds with quality host homes. Furthermore, each potential host family is carefully screened and presented with our team’s expectations of the host family. Personal visits will be done throughout the year to ensure that both the players and the host family are meeting those expectations and guidelines.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the Topeka RoadRunners by participating in the housing program! If you are interested in housing a player, please complete the [online application](https://goo.gl/CA3W91). <https://goo.gl/CA3W91>

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Andy or Marcy Sandberg at 785-266-9583.