



Chicago Steel Housing Family Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Chicago Steel housing family!

The Steel place hockey players with host families, known as billets. Families open up their homes allowing our players to join their families from August when they arrive for training camp until April/May when the season comes to an end. Billets receive a monthly stipend, tickets to all home games for each member of the household, and additional benefits.

Steel players come from all over the United States and a handful of players reside outside the country, often coming from Canada and European nations. Players are between 16 and 20 years old, with the majority of the team between 16 and 18 years old. It is our commitment to provide each member of the Steel with a stable and loving home during his time in Chicago.

These players have been selected to play in the top junior league in the country, the United States Hockey League. Over 96% of USHL players earn Division 1 opportunities. Last year, 55 players with USHL ties were selected in the NHL Draft. Players understand that their future hockey prospects rely on a commitment not just on the ice, but off the ice as well. This begins in their billet homes. Players are expected to follow organizational and league rules as well as the rules of each billet family. Our housing handbook covers such topics as curfew, social gatherings, in-season travel and more.

As the majority of our players will advance from the Steel to college, the majority of our players are taking online courses and several each season are enrolled in local high schools. It is not unusual for a hockey player to take a gap year between high school and college prior to advancing to the next level. The Steel have an Education Coordinator who assists players with their schoolwork and helps ensure that they stay on track to achieve their academic goals.

In a typical season, the Steel play 5-6 preseason games and 62 regular season games. There are four rounds of playoffs, meaning the team could play up to 16 playoff games. Players live with their billets full time with the exception of a holiday break in December (usually 7-10 days) and when the team is on the road during the season (approximately 20 nights during the regular season).

A typical daily schedule Mon.-Thurs. would call for players to arrive at the rink in the morning for on-ice skills sessions and strength/conditioning work before afternoon practice and study hall. Players that attend local high schools generally attend school in the morning before reporting to the arena in the early afternoon for these same items. Games are typically played Friday and Saturday nights with occasional Sunday or weeknight games during the season.

Our Housing Coordinator works to match the player and billet family through surveys and getting to know each housing family. Furthermore, each potential housing family is carefully screened and presented with our team's expectations. Billets are required to pass a background check and complete USA Hockey's SafeSport training. Families may house multiple players, but each player must have his own bedroom.

If you are interested in housing a player, please complete the application and return it to:

Erin Keohane
Housing Coordinator
briananderinkeohane@yahoo.com

Kim Castellanos
Community Engagement Manager
kcastellanos@chicagosteelhockeyteam.com



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Parent 1 Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent 1 Email: _____ Parent 1 Cell: _____

Parent 1 Occupation: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent 2 Email: _____ Parent 2 Cell: _____

Parent 2 Occupation: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Please list all of your children's names and ages below:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

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Do you have any pets? (Please list types and how many)

Describe your family's religious denomination or affiliation. How often do you attend? Special practices?

Have you ever hosted an exchange student or player before? Yes _____ No _____

What are your household work schedules? Do they involve travel?



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Please list any household rules which you would expect your player to abide by.

Are there any household chores would a player be responsible for?

Why are you interested in becoming a housing family?

Does anyone in the house smoke? If so, where do they smoke? (Inside, Outside, Garage)

Does anyone in your family drink alcohol? If so, how often?

Will you notify the housing coordinator or coach if there are any concerns with your players or if the player is involved with violating any team or USHL rules? Yes _____ No _____

Describe the sleeping and bathroom accommodations that will be available for a player. Please include any relevant details.

What local high school would a player who lived in your house attend, if desired?



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How often and at what times can your player expect to have family sit-down meals?

How many players are you interested in housing?

1 player

2 players

3 players

Would you be willing to provide support for your player if he was in a slump or not receiving the playing time to his liking?

Yes

No

From time to time, USHL players are traded to other teams or cut from the roster. If your player was traded or cut, would you be willing to take another player?

Yes

No

Would your family be willing to give the player personal space if he requested it?

Yes

No

Would you be able to provide players with nutritious meals on a regular basis, with menu items consistent with high-level athletes?

Yes

No

As a housing family, you will be privy to information about our players and staff that our opponents and the public do not have access to. Are you willing to keep such information confidential and refrain from posting anything confidential or controversial on social media?

Yes

No

USHL Hockey guidelines stipulate background checks to be conducted. Would you object to having a background check on you and your family?

Yes

No

Would you be opposed to having an in-home visit/interview with the Housing Coordinator and/or Steel Coach or GM?

Yes

No

Do you give permission for your name, address, phone and email to be listed in the Chicago Steel Housing Directory to be given to all Housing Families?

Yes

No

All of the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Parent 1

Parent 2

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

For additional information, e-mail Erin Keohane briananderinkeohane@yahoo.com or call the Steel at 855-51-STEEL.