

BIG BROTHER INFORMATION FORM **ONLY FOR REGULAR COURSE STUDENTS**

PLEASE RETURN IMMEDIATELY The student council has a "Big Brother/Sister" program. A currently enrolled student volunteer will help find housing for you, meet you at the airport, and help you get oriented to the school and San José. To help us help you, please fill out this form carefully, completely and QUICKLY! *Please note: If you take advantage of the Big Brother Program, it is expected that you will serve as a big brother in the future.

ADDRESS FOR ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE (before you leave for San José.)

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ARRIVAL IN SAN JOSÉ (if known at this time)

DATE: _____ HOUR: _____ AIRLINE: _____ FLIGHT #: _____

DURATION

How many months do you plan to stay at the Institute? _____

HOUSING

1. Would you like to live in...

____ a Costa Rican home (includes rent and board, approximately \$275-300 [single]; \$550 [couple])

____ an apartment (\$300 - \$450)

1 bedroom ____ 2 bedroom ____

____ a house (\$450 - \$600)

2 bedroom ____ 3 bedroom ____ 4 bedroom ____

2. How far from the Institute do you prefer to live?

Time estimates are for walking distance (consider the needs of your family, especially if you have small children):

5 - 10 minutes ____ 10 - 15 minutes ____ 15 - 20 minutes ____ 20 - 30 minutes ____

3. How much are you willing to pay per month? \$ _____

4. Is a private bathroom a requirement for you? Yes ____ No ____

5. Are there any special considerations you have (e.g., special diet, allergies, physical limitations, pets)?

SPECIAL NOTE: Both the students and the administration of the Institute recommend that singles and couples without children live with a Costa Rican family. It can greatly enhance your cultural and language learning experience. But keep in mind that it is not a requirement.

BIG BROTHER/HOUSING DEPOSIT

Your Big Brother usually has some expenses while making arrangements for you; therefore, along with this form, you need to send a personal check (U.S. Banks only) or International Money order in the amount of \$300 for a rental house/apt. or \$100 for a room in a Costa Rican home. Whatever is not used will be returned to you. **MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO: Instituto de Lengua Española.** Your check must not contain any corrections as it will not be accepted by our Costa Rican bank.