



# VENUSA

International Studies & Modern Languages  
Merida, Venezuela

## PERSONAL FUNDS PROGRAM & HOMESTAY PREFERENCES

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### **PERSONAL FUNDS PROGRAM (PFP)**

PERSONAL FUNDS PROGRAM has been implemented as an optional feature for students during their study abroad program. With the Personal Funds Program (PFP), you may opt to have VENUSA 'wire or hold' your personal funds until you request them in Mérida.

Benefits to the Personal Funds Program (PFP) are:

- Minimal concerns with traveling and keeping up with cash & traveler's checks.
- Minimal concerns with initially obtaining the funds necessary to be abroad for a summer, semester or academic year.
- Funds may be periodically forwarded to your PFP as needed.
- Avoid long lines at currency exchange houses and banks.

### **Rules & Restrictions:**

- Funds are to be forwarded to VENUSA's U.S. contact office in Florida before or during the term.
- Payable to ENTRE AMERICAS LEARN AND TRAVEL in the form of a personal check, money order or bank check
- Reference line of document must indicate PFP and last name of student.
- \$10 service fee per deposit.
- Personal funds may be forwarded prior to program commencement or during the semester and/or summer term.
- If funds are forwarded to the PFP during the semester, it should arrive 3-5 business days prior to the withdrawal request in Mérida. Withdrawal may take up to 72 hours after withdrawal request is made in Mérida.
- Withdrawals in Merida are to be requested with the administration office at VENUSA
- Cash advances or loans are not permitted / Currency exchange will be equivalent to the exchange houses.
- Reimbursement of remaining funds in the students PFP account will be reimbursed along with the library deposit to the students U.S. address after the semester and/or summer program is completed. Once funds have been forwarded to your PFP account in Merida, you may make withdrawals in Merida only.

**Please complete and return to VENUSA U.S. contact office either by mail, e-mail or fax.**

**No**, I am not interested in the (PFP)     **Yes**, I am interested in the (PFP)

### **HOMESTAY PLACEMENT PREFERENCE**

In order to make sure VENUSA provides you with your preferred housing arrangement while on the study abroad program in Merida, please check one of the following options:

**OPTION A** (this option is covered under university program fee)

- I prefer a double room at the homestay (2 students per room / 2 single beds). Same gender rooming only.  
I would like to request to be roomed with \_\_\_\_\_, who is a participant on this program.

**OPTION B (request basis only)**

- An additional \$305 (semester) or \$144 (per summer session) will be added to your program fee: I prefer to be housed in a private single room (additional student(s) may be assigned to the homestay in separate room, however this is not guaranteed). Same gender rooming only.  
I would like to request to be housed with \_\_\_\_\_, who is a participant on this program.

**OPTION C (request basis only)**

- An additional \$354 (per semester) or \$198 (per summer session) will be added to your program fee: I prefer to be the only U.S. student at the homestay in a single private room.

If you have a **medical reason** for requiring a non-smoking and/or pet-free homestay, please check the following:

- I require a nonsmoking homestay due to medical reasons  
If so, is smoking outside the home ok? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- I require a pet-free homestay due to medical reasons.  
If so, are outdoor pets ok? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- I prefer a smoke-friendly homestay

### **Homestay Options Policies:**

- ✓ OPTION B & C homestay upgrade requests should be made well in advance to program commencement.
- ✓ You will be advised of your housing option and homestay information approximately 1-2 weeks prior to departure. Upgraded housing options are non-refundable.
- ✓ Homestay placements are usually permanent. Only under certain circumstances will VENUSA change homestay placement. If it is imperative that a student request a homestay change and is approved by VENUSA, OPTION C may be the only option available due to limited rooming availability. The housing upgrade must be paid in full. Prorated homestay upgrades may not be permitted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_