



## Unaccompanied Minors (UM)

If you have a younger international student staying with you they may be required to purchase Unaccompanied Minors (UM) service for their flight back home. Each airline has slightly different UM regulations. For example, on Air Canada it is mandatory for children 8 to 11 years old to use the UM service, for 12 to 17 years old it is optional, and children under 8 cannot travel alone.

Your Homestay Coordinator will advise you if your student is flying as an Unaccompanied Minor. If you are not sure, feel free to reach out to Brent Gibson, the Homestay Manager at [BGibson@GoDelta.ca](mailto:BGibson@GoDelta.ca).

Your student's natural parents will decide on the airline and the UM service. It is your name, however, that will be attached to the UM for check in.

Here are a few useful tips:

- For arriving students, enter the airport and speak with a staff member of the airline your student is flying with (or YVR staff member if you are unsure). They will guide you and likely bring the student to you at the arrivals area. Bring your ID!
- For departing students, take your student to the check in counter and fill out all the forms required for them to fly UM
- Airlines often place a lanyard (a hanging tag worn around the neck) on the student in order for the child to be easily identified by airline staff
- The airline will let you know when and where to hand the student off to an airline employee
  - (depending on how early you are there before the flight)
- An airline representative will take the unaccompanied minor through security and bring them to the gate where the child will be escorted on board
- You may be asked to remain at the airport until the aircraft has pushed away from the gate
- The student will be supervised onboard by the inflight crew
- An airline representative will escort the student to the arrivals area to meet up with the designated meeting party

**If you encounter issues at the airport, please contact the Homestay Manager, Brent Gibson, at 604-319-0493 or the Program Director, Karen Symonds, at 604-396-6862**

