

## **5. ANSWERING ACCEPTANCES. ARRANGING HOUSING. INSURANCE.**

It usually takes several months for colleges to make decisions on which students to admit. Some institutions notify students on a given date. Others review applications individually, and notify students right away ("rolling admissions"). Once you have been admitted, mail your application form for housing as soon as possible, since student housing fills up quickly. We recommend that you start out by living in student housing (dormitories), as it is easier to make friends upon arrival at a new campus, practical to have room and meals arranged for, and usually cheaper than living alone in an apartment.

Once you have accepted an offer of admission, a commitment to attend the college has been made. You may be required to send a deposit of \$50 - \$500 as an indication of your intention to enroll. Besides writing a letter of acceptance to the institution whose admission you want to accept, you should also notify the institutions whose offers of admission you decline.

Find out about the health insurance plan that your university offers. Some universities require that all international students be covered under the university insurance plan, while others accept insurance plans arranged in the home country. Be very careful in checking the various possibilities, as having good insurance coverage is imperative in the United States. CSN offers an insurance plan at a reasonable cost. You should also check the university's immunization regulations.