



U.S. Department of State

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Welcome a student into your home. Hosting an international exchange student enriches you and your community. Become better informed about — and connected to — the world beyond U.S. borders by hosting a U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange student.

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Hosting a U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange student brings classroom lessons into your home in ways far more effective than any book or teacher could describe. Different perspectives open windows on the world. Host families and their exchange students form bonds that can last a lifetime.

BENEFITS OF HOSTING

- Make a difference in today's fast paced environment. You don't have to leave your own home to volunteer, you can open up your home, heart, and mind to create a mutually beneficial learning environment.
- Contribute to your country and your community. State Department-sponsored exchange students participate in community service activities as part of a longstanding American tradition of volunteerism for the public good.
- Help ensure exchange participants have a valuable experience and take home a positive impression of the United States. Exchange students return home with positive new ideas about the United States that they share with their families, communities, and peers.
- Provide an education for your children. They learn tolerance, history, geography, and language, all important components of an international education.
- Continue and expand your international education at any age. Hosting exchange students is an excellent way for retirees to stay engaged and active.

- Help exchange students experience real American families and combat stereotypes that develop from images in American television and film.
- Ensure the success, safety, health, and welfare of our exchange students with a committed, caring and supportive environment.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HOST: OUR PROGRAMS

Youth exchange programs vary in the length of stay from a few weeks to a full academic year. Students participate in a highly competitive, merit-based process to earn a scholarship opportunity.

- Students, aged 15 to 18, come from over 100 countries around the world and are carefully selected based on their leadership skills, language ability, adaptability, academic achievement, and motivation.
- State Department programs focus on the recruitment of diverse ethnic and social groups, girls, and students with disabilities to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in exchange.
- Students live in urban, rural, and suburban communities in all 50 states, representing the cultural and social diversity of America's population.
- For more information about the Department of State's Youth Exchange Programs visit: hosting.state.gov



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