IFYE abroad

Learning about other cultures will lead you to learn about yourself.

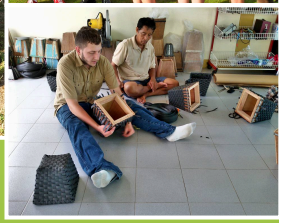
The better prepared you are, the deeper and more rewarding your international experience will be. IFYE provides extensive orientation to increase awareness and respect for the new culture you are about to enter. Living in another culture helps you gain new perspectives, improve communication skills, and embrace diversity. You will make life-long friendships.

Upon return, IFYE asks that you share your experiences with others. As more people learn about IFYE, they will become aware of and support IFYE so that it can continue. A vibrant IFYE Alumni will become a lifetime connection for you.









IFYE at home

Be a Host Family

IFYE is a two-way exchange program. Young adults 19 and older come to the United States to live with families who have a zest for sharing their homes and communities. Family living is at the heart of the cultural experience. IFYE representatives discover life in the United States as a member of the family, not as a guest or tourist.

Host families must meet screening criteria and be willing to provide room and board to a person from another country for 3 to 4 weeks.

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A Premier International Cultural Exchange Program for young adults 19 and older



Travel new pathways and experience the world from different perspectives!

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Peace Through Understanding

IFYE was founded in 1948 on the premise that through understanding each other, our world could become a more peaceful place. Participants live with host families primarily in rural areas and gain a new appreciation for the world's diverse cultures while experiencing the meaning of global citizenship.

Participating countries often include: **Australia, Austria, Costa Rica, England, Estonia, Finland, Germany, India, Jamaica, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Scotland, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, and Wales**. Countries are continually being added.





What does it take to be an IFYE?

Eligibility: Must be 19 years or older, adaptable, and possess leadership abilities. College experience preferred. Individuals who have gained leadership and life skills by participating in youth organizations such as 4-H, FFA, Scouting, etc., have been successful IFYE Representatives.

Program Dates: Recommended six-month exchanges are June to December. Three-month exchanges available June to September or September to December.

Program Costs: Participant program fees can be found under the EXCHANGE PROGRAMS tab on the IFYEUSA.ORG web site. Participant fees make up approximately 15% of total costs, while alumni and other contributors cover the balance. Additional costs may include passport and visa expenses. Some state IFYE groups have scholarship monies available. Fund-raising support is available. Participant is responsible for having his /her own money for incidentals and paying for supplemental health insurance.

How do I apply? Complete the application and follow the submission instructions online at IFYEUSA.org

IFYEs are expected to join in almost all aspects of family life -- sharing quiet moments, enjoying family outings, and joining community activities, as well as doing household and family chores. Host families are expected to provide love and understanding, care and guidance, as well as food and housing for the hosting period. Families who volunteer to host participants receive no financial assistance.

Upon return, IFYEs are required to share their experiences via public presentations and to promote IFYE to groups and sponsors.

As an IFYE participant you will embark upon the trip of a lifetime, gain new perspectives, and expand your horizons globally.

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