



Program Update:

Seven IFYEs are currently in their host countries. The eighth IFYE will depart for India in September. All are having successful experiences.

We are pleased to report that interest in becoming an IFYE is alive. We have increased efforts to call and connect and reconnect with young people who have shown interest at the association activities we have attended. Seven individuals have indicated an interest in a September to December IFYE experience. The application form and orientation processes have been adjusted to prepare them for departure on September 15, 2018. Currently, we are working with this group to complete the application and interview process. This should aid the Executive Director immensely as he continues his efforts to obtain financial support from companies and foundations.

Efforts for fall placement in host families in participating countries are underway.

Immediately after the Fall IFYE application process closes, the process will begin for 2019. The goal is to have IFYEs for 2019 selected by the end of 2018.

This year the IFYE Board initiated a \$500 incentive to anyone who recruits a person that completes the IFYE interview, is selected, completes the national IFYE orientation and lands in the host country. If multiple persons are designated by the IFYE as being responsible for their participation, the \$500 will be divided between those named. **Up to \$500 per IFYE recruited is available for you!!**

Board Update:

The annual IFYE Board meeting was held in Indianapolis on July 6-8, 2018. All but one board member was in attendance. Personnel matters and program policy were discussed and decisions were made to continue strengthening the association. Focus centered on increasing the number of IFYE participants being sent annually on the exchange program. Details of the board's activity can be found on the membership portal of the IFYEUSA.ORG website.

Executive Director Update:

Working with Foundation Search, inquiries are being made to major foundations and companies for funding to be used to sustain IFYE financially.

Work continues to enhance fundraising for IFYE and to align IFYE recruitment with agriculture organizations and associations. Various grower associations are being contacted to support participation in our 2019 program. Some are looking at the IFYE program as a member benefit.

A three-week job shadowing pilot partnership between Syngenta (a major agri-related company with facilities worldwide) and Lisa Schmidt, an IFYE from Germany has just completed. Lisa lived with three families (employees of Syngenta) and commuted with them as she observed their operations in

Minnetonka, Minn. This pilot program is being reviewed and results will be used to develop a process to move forward with opportunities for both inbound and outbound IFYEs at other Syngenta locations around the world for future IFYEs.

- **The IFYE Board is looking for a volunteer with marketing expertise to lead a marketing committee to develop IFYE promotion materials. Please contact any board member.**
- **The IFYE Board requests that if you know of a CPA or qualified person to be hired to do the 2018 audit and 990 filing, please contact any board member.**

Thank you.

Financial Update:

The national budget for 2018 contains alumni donations of \$11,500 in the income section. That is less than \$100 per alumni per year, or \$10 per month. Any non-life member donating \$30 or more will be credited as an annual member when they make the donation. Regular general contributions to IFYE remain a vital component for the success of our association.

- Please use the attached invoice for making your general financial contribution to IFYE, or visit the IFYE website at www.ifyeusa.org , click on “Ways to Give,” and follow the instructions to make a donation or a recurring donation.
- **PLANNING AHEAD:**
 - World IFYE Conference, Alaska cruise, September 9-16. Register at <https://ifyeusaorg.presencehost.net/news-conferences/conferences/2018-world-ifye-conference.html>
 - 2019 National IFYE Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, August 7-12, 2019. Put this on your calendar now!

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I wish to support IFYE in 2018 with the following: \$5,000 \$2,500

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I wish to support IFYE with an annual Membership fee. \$30 for 2018 annual membership

- If you are a **life member**, you will always be a life member and do not need to pay the \$30 annual Membership.
- **ALL life and annual members** have access to the Member area on the website.
- You can be a member with your \$30 annual membership only, but all contributions (by non-life members) above \$30 membership will count as a general donation.

Enclosed is \$20 for the postal mailing of two IFYE NEWS and eight issues of the IFYE UPDATES published during 2018.

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I would like to pay the above amount on a payment schedule. Please contact me. Phone # _____

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