



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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IFYE UPDATE

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Organizational Capacity Campaign (OCC) Reaches Goal!

With the strong support of alumni across the country, the **40 pledges** of \$5,000 per year for 2018, 2019 and 2020 **have been obtained**. Those who made pledges will be receiving information soon on the details for honoring their support to IFYE. **Thank you!**

With the completion of this project, the Executive Director will be able to answer the concerns of Foundations, prospective business and corporate donors when they ask if the IFYE Association is financially secure.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the OCC and also to those who considered the campaign but decided to provide a smaller donation to the operating fund.

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.

Program Update:

Eight Outbound IFYEs completed their twice monthly conference orientation calls which have occurred for the last several months. **Six additional outbound IFYEs are being sought for a September 2018 departure. If you know of a candidate, please let us know by calling Alan Lambert, National Program Director at 605-366-6107.**

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!!**

The National IFYE Orientation will occur in Washington DC from June 14-18, 2018. The eight outbound IFYEs will be joined for this event by 17 inbound IFYEs from nine countries.

Orientation activities include:

- A full-day workshop led by Sarah Lanier, consultant and author of “Foreign to Familiar.” Sarah gave us a riveting keynote address at the 2017 National IFYE Conference in Orlando last August. Her workshop will focus on cultural and sensitivity differences.
- The Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) will prepare the Outbound IFYEs with information on international trade and the effects of recent trade sanctions. In-country contact with FAS officers will be encouraged.

- A writing workshop, a photography workshop, group presentation development, and a cultural trip to sites in DC will occur before departure.

Program Committee Activities:

The Program Committee is working to provide better support for State IFYE Coordinators in the following ways:

- Implemented a Board approved expense reimbursement program.
- Conducting bi-monthly meetings with State Coordinators.
- Ongoing updates to the coordinator handbook for placement on the Coordinator website portal.
- Established a weekend in October 2018 for a coordinator retreat to build enthusiasm and comradery among the Coordinators and allow them more input into the national program.

Two new State Coordinators have accepted the responsibility of leading IFYE in their respective states:

Kansas Inbound – Chelsy Coen Champlin 1-785-246-6131 ChelsyCoen@gmail.com

South Dakota – Karen Kluin 1-605-261-2288 Karen.kluin@k12.sd.us.

The Executive Director, IFYE Board and the Program Director and Program Committee have worked in the last six weeks to begin an IFYE Program Enhancement Project (PEP). Three areas will be enhanced:

1. Corporate: (To add business participation through hosting and job shadowing. A pilot program with Syngenta is underway).
2. Government: (To strengthen IFYE's relationship with USDA, facilitate understanding of food and fiber aspects of policies in countries and governmental relationships).
3. Universities: (To understand production, research and infrastructure of food and fiber education in different countries).

Board Update:

- **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.
- PLANNING AHEAD:
 - 2018 National IFYE Board annual meeting, Hampton Inn Airport, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 6, 7, 8.
 - 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

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Please check the appropriate box(es) for the support you wish to provide to the IFYE Association. Return the form and completed action(s) that you have selected to: **Don DeWerff, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, KS 67554**

PLEASE COMPLETE:

NAME _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE**__ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

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

\$1,000 \$750 \$500 \$250 Other Amount \$ _____

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.

PAYMENT METHOD

I have enclosed my check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____ payable to **"IFYE Association of the USA**

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

Please charge my credit card: MC _____ Visa __ Discover _____ Amex _____ **AMOUNT \$** _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: __/__/_____ Security Code: _____

SIGNATURE _____

I will pay online at <http://ifyeusa.org>

Please send me (by email) access information to the IFYE website "Paid Membership area"

My email address is: _____

I am unable to financially support IFYE at this time. Please discreetly remove me from the *contact for donation* list.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of IFYE _____ 05/18

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