



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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IFYE UPDATE

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Program Update:

Uruguay and the Philippines have just been added as participating countries for 2019! 2018 also marked the return of the IFYE program in Argentina. Additional country contacts are being pursued.

Applications are now being accepted for 2019 IFYEs. Information can be found under the "Foreign Exchange Programs" tab on the IFYE website at www.ifyeusa.org. One Missouri applicant has already been interviewed and selected. With our national goal of 20+ outbound IFYEs, we need everyone's help in finding qualified applicants, 19 years of age and older.

IFYE continues to be a rural-based exchange program in host countries. This does not mean that a potential candidate must have agricultural experience. IFYE is open to all young adults who have an interest in learning other cultures. The \$500 financial incentive program announced in 2018 remains in place for 2019. Anyone who recruits an IFYE will receive \$500 once their recruit arrives in their host country.

Debriefing for the 2018 US IFYEs will be held in Washington, DC in early December 2018. Returning IFYEs (from Colo., Ill. Md., N.D., Mich., Ohio, Minn., and Wisc.) are eager to share their experiences. Your help in identifying promotional opportunities for them will be a great asset. Please contact Alan Lambert, IFYE National Program Director at 605-366-6107 or alanelambert@gmail.com to liaison between you and the returning IFYE.

IFYE Receives Bequest

A surprise bequest from the estate of IFYE Alice Matonic, 1963 Michigan to Peru, recently provided a substantial financial sum to bolster the IFYE Association and our program. According to the executrix of Alice's estate, once her family and friends were recognized in her will, the remainder of her estate was divided among six charitable organizations, and IFYE was one of the six. Her contribution provides a meaningful step forward to our association as we work to further solidify our finances through foundation and corporate initiatives. Alice was a graduate of Cassopolis High School and Michigan State University. She taught Spanish and French at Derby Middle School in Birmingham, Mich. As an avid reader, Alice was a devoted member of the Friends of West Bloomfield Library, which also received a contribution from her.

National Conference Planning in Full Swing

Kentucky IFYEs are excited to host the 2019 IFYE Conference, August 7-11 in Lexington, Ky. The event will be held at the Downtown Lexington Hilton, which is offering a group rate of \$129.00 per night with parking and a full breakfast for each room occupant. *Plans are to have full registration details online by January 2019.*

In addition to our annual meeting agenda, tours to Bourbon Country, Horse Country and Historical landmarks will be available. Music is planned with superb 4-Hers in the Creative Arts programs. Story Telling as a backbone of our history will be explored with a well-renowned Kentucky Chautauqua speaker.

Mark your calendars now to visit the land of "My Old Kentucky Home." Kentucky is promising a great convention and fun with your forever IFYE Brothers and Sisters.

If you anticipate bringing children, please inform Cathy Kunkel-Mains, Chairperson, so appropriate plans can be made for their care and activities. Cathy can be reached at cakuma50@gmail.com.

Board Update:

IFYE Board Leadership Change - On Sunday, September 30, IFYE President Art Deisher tendered his resignation to the IFYE USA Board. The members of the Board accepted Art's resignation and his decision to resign the Presidency. He also will no longer serve on the board or any committees for the Association. Art Deisher was commended for his years of service to IFYE and for the accomplishments the Association enjoyed while under his leadership. Art said in an email, that after 10 years of leadership in various capacities with the organization it was best that he leave before becoming more involved with planning the 2019 program. Art wishes to thank all IFYEs for their assistance in the past years to advance the growth of the Association. The Board wishes Art well in his future endeavors.

IFYE Vice President Larry Gould is serving as President of the Association until the end of 2018. IFYE Board officer elections are slated for November 11 with officers elected at that time to begin their service on January 2, 2019.

If you have an interest in helping with the Association by serving on the IFYE Board or a committee, please contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Pat Hutsell at PatHutsell@gmail.com or 303-519-0765

Please direct all future IFYE business communication to the IFYE Executive Director, Ken Gordon, at kgordon@ifyeusa.org.

Website update for State Coordinators

The State Coordinator's Portal on the IFYE website now holds the updated State Coordinator's handbook along with printable forms. Also, liability forms for Outbound and Inbound IFYEs have been drafted. When finalized, they will be available on the IFYE website for State Coordinators to use. The forms are structured to help reduce Association and volunteer risks associated with hosting and travel.

Time for 2019 Dues

November 1 marked the due date for annual IFYE dues. Dues remain the same at \$30. Members can renew online at the IFYE website. If you would prefer to send a check, please make it payable to the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. and mail it to Don DeWerff, Associate Treasurer, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, KS 67554. Dues payments received for the remainder of the 2018 will be credited for 2019.

What State will Host in 2020?

At our 2019 National IFYE Conference, we will select the next hosting state. Begin thinking now if you wish to put your state up for consideration to host in 2020.

Executive Director Update:

Since the last IFYE Update, much has happened. The World Conference brought IFYEs from all over the world together to continue to build upon past relationships and develop new ones. An agreement with the Philippines was finalized and they will again be hosting IFYEs from the U.S. in 2019.

Outreach continues to various state collegiate, commodity, leader and other non-governmental organizations, to work with their membership leaders and promote applications to our program among their young adult members.

We also issued a joint news release with Syngenta, a global agribusiness, regarding the successful completion of our job shadowing program. The release has been published by agwire.com, the-farmer.com, Western Farm Press, Agriculture Today and the Thrive website at <http://www.syngenta-us.com/thrive/community/international-exchange-student.html>.

The Board of Directors and leadership within the Association are working diligently to raise awareness of IFYE and capture additional funding to grow the program.



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I wish to support IFYE in 2019 with the following: \$5,000 \$2,500
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- 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 2019.

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 \$** _____

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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.

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