



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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IFYE UPDATE

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Program Update:

The 2018 IFYE program is progressing more each day. Our goal is to have more than 15 applications by March 20, 2018. After interviews, we hope to have 12 qualified IFYEs selected from the applicant pool. Contact with over 86 individuals who have expressed interest in the IFYE program in the past two years continues daily by phone, text, email and other electronic messaging. Three individuals have been interviewed and selected as 2018 IFYEs, and nearly 10 others have given verbal commitments to apply in 2018.

Recruitment will continue. Your help in identifying interested young adults and helping them apply will be an outstanding example of your commitment to the IFYE program. As you may recall, a recruiting incentive of up to \$500 is available to anyone who recruits an applicant, who is interviewed, and selected, and then completes the orientation and arrives in their host country.

Additionally, IFYE is being promoted in the next three weeks at four state Young Farmers and Ranchers Conferences, at the 2018 Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) conference and university chapters, and through ongoing IFYE presentations by the recently returned 2017 IFYEs.

A total of 19 countries will participate in the 2018 IFYE program, including recent additions of Argentina, Jamaica and Poland. The US will send IFYEs to The Philippines beginning in 2019.

Board Update:

- Work continues for replacing the IFYE Excel database with a client management system. A plan of work to implement the change will likely be finalized in February.
- A revision of committee and staff reporting was approved by the board. The new report format will focus on results accomplished more than activity done during the reporting period.
- Contracts for all staff members and contractors have been signed for 2018.
- The 2018 National Board meeting will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, on July 6-8. Location to be determined.

Financial Update:

- The December 2017 donations made the month positive; income exceeded expenses. Outside funding sources being worked on by the Executive Director will hold the need for alumni contributions to \$10,000 per month. If half of the IFYE alumni donated just \$10 per month, the income would be almost double the need!
- It is recognized that many of you make donations. We greatly appreciate your generosity and want you to continue your support. Historically donations have exceeded the \$10,000 per month alumni portion of the budget. We need that to continue.

- **Ways you can support IFYE:**

1. Please assist with recruiting efforts by referring anyone you know who might be interested in an IFYE experience to Alan Lambert at 605-366-6107. We are still searching for a few more good candidates for 2018.
2. If you are not a life member, please become an annual member by paying for a \$30 membership for calendar year 2018.
3. If you want to receive newsletters and updates by postal mail, send \$20 for one year's publications of approximately 11 combined communications.
4. Donate \$100 by check payable to IFYE Association of USA. It is just that simple. Or go online and donate at IFYEUSA.ORG.
5. Buy anything through AmazonSmile and IFYE receives \$.50 for every \$100 spent.
6. Consider a major, sustaining gift in the Organizational Capacity Campaign. (see below)

Please use the attached invoice for making your financial support to IFYE.

The Organizational Capacity Campaign is progressing nicely. Eighteen (18) have verbally pledged to donate \$5,000 each year for the next 3-years (2018, 2019 and 2020). The target deadline is now February 7, 2018. Monies donated to fulfill the pledge are tax-deductible and will be placed in a separate bank account. Use of these funds is restricted to organizational expansion as outlined in a separate budget, which is available upon request.

If you are one of those persons that are concerned about the new tax laws placing you in a position where your donations cannot be itemized, consider donating directly from your IRA, teacher's retirement, or other qualified savings account and avoid taxation on that donation completely! If you are over the age of 70, that is possible. Donations do not have to be made now. In fact, we do not want your money now! What is needed is the pledge and when you intend to make the donation to IFYE within the next three years.

If you have questions or would like more timely information on the campaign, please contact IFYE Board President Art Deisher at 937-935-3807 or Executive Director Ken Gordon at 614-593-0234. Thank you for your consideration.

Contact address: Art Deisher 6037 Frejon Lane, Sylvania, Ohio 43560 (added per alumni request)

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Please check the appropriate box for the support you wish to provide.

Return the form and complete action or actions that you have selected to Don DeWerff as listed below: **Please mail this form with payment and/or request to:** Don DeWerff, 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, Kansas 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 am unable to support IFYE with the choices above. **But I wish to support IFYE with an annual Membership fee.**

\$30 for 2018 annual membership**

** You can be a member with your \$30 membership without additional donation, but all donations above \$30 include memberships. **Note: If you are a life member, you will always be a life member and do not need to pay the \$30 annual Membership**

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: _____

Unfortunately, I am unable to financially support IFYE at this time. Please remove me from the *contact for donation* list. (This will be done discreetly and you will still receive one newsletter per year. Those who remit \$20 will receive all newsletters and 8 issues of the IFYE Update each year by postal mail. If you are a life member, you will have access to the Member area on the website.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of IFYE _____ 01/18

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