



# IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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## **Staffing Update:**

As announced in the January 2017 update, the Board is seeking an interested, qualified individual to become the Executive Director of the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. This position will oversee the work of the Association, with a primary focus on fundraising. The position description and application process are posted on <http://ifyeusa.org/about/staff.html>. Interested individuals may also contact Victoria Warren, President at [vwarren@ifyeusa.org](mailto:vwarren@ifyeusa.org) or 573-680-6632.

To assure that a wide range of interested and qualified individuals can consider applying to be the Executive Director, the Board would like to send announcements to multiple organizations through their listservs. If you are on a listserv for any of the following (or similar) organizations, please contact Victoria for an announcement to send to your fellow listserv members: *American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, National Association of Agricultural Educators, National FFA Alumni Association, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, National Association of County Agricultural Agents, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, and others.*

## **Program Update:**

Alan Lambert, National Program Director, reports that currently six US IFYEs have been selected and placed in 8 different countries, and more applications are expected. Most US IFYEs are on the six-month program and will live in two host countries. More slots are available. The IFYE application can be found online at <http://ifyeusa.org> under the "Exchange Programs" tab. Contact Alan Lambert at [alanelambert@gmail.com](mailto:alanelambert@gmail.com) or 605-366-6107 for more information.

We have received inbound IFYE commitments from 9 different countries and expect approximately 20 total inbounds. Most will be on the three-month (June 19 - September 5) program. Placements with host states are beginning.

## **Financial Update:**

THANK YOU for your continuing support of IFYE in 2017. While we are working to find an Executive Director to manage fundraising, we need more donations early in the year to assure no break in our support of the 2017 IFYE experience for inbounds and outbounds. The 2017 operating budget of \$305,720 for 15 outbound IFYEs and 23 inbound IFYEs is less than \$100 per IFYE alumni in the database.

Now that all 2016 donations are received and recorded, we are pleased to let you know that those donations totaled \$195,201. A special thanks to both the IFYEs who went in 1968 for their pledge to donate \$26,150 collectively and the rest of our members who responded to their challenge.

## **There are multiple ways to donate.**

Discussed in previous updates are:

1. Setting up a recurring monthly\* donation.
2. Selecting IFYE USA as your charitable organization for Amazon Smile Match\* donations.
3. Writing a check or using a credit card\* on any schedule that fits your budget (for example annually or quarterly)

4. Donating from your IRA if you are over 70½ years of age. This avoids taxation of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution – formerly known as Minimum Required Distribution). If you turned 70½ in 2016 you have until April 1, 2017 to receive your RMD. Regardless of when you became (or become) 70½, talk to your tax advisor about how to donate your RMD tax-free directly from your IRA to IFYE USA.

Another way to donate is to make a memorial or honor gift\* in the name of a fellow IFYE, host family member, friend of IFYE, or someone else who cared (cares) about IFYE. When a loved one dies, consider naming the IFYE Association of the USA as a recipient of memorial gifts.

\*You can learn more about these on the IFYE Association website under “Ways to Give.”

Donations by credit card can be completed at the <http://ifyeusa.org> website by clicking on “Ways to Give” and “Make a Donation.” Donations can be one-time or monthly-recurring, whichever you prefer. Remember \$100 per alumni (which is less than \$10 per month) would exceed our annual budget.

In lieu of a credit card payment, you may send a check payable to the IFYE Association of USA to Associate Treasurer, Don DeWerff 29 Arrowhead Drive, Lyons, Kansas 67554. If you have any questions about giving and how the funds will be used in IFYE programming, please contact Don at 620-780-0780.

### **IFYE Board Update**

Join us in welcoming Art Deisher’s return as an IFYE Board member after his leave of absence that began in 2014, when he became the Association’s Director of Development.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dottie Nelson, will begin work soon on identifying new Board members for 2018. The IFYE Committees also need non-Board members. Please lend your expertise to help in your areas of interest! Go to the IFYE Association website under “Ways to Give” and click on “Volunteer” or contact Victoria Warren, IFYE Association President, to volunteer.

### **2017 National IFYE Conference in Orlando, Florida:**

Don’t forget to register! Registration information is now on the website and will be in the Spring IFYE Newsletter. The Co-chairs Joyce Strollo ([jjstrollo@comcast.net](mailto:jjstrollo@comcast.net)) and Debbie Nistler ([nistlerd@ufl.edu](mailto:nistlerd@ufl.edu)) are still recruiting committee members.

Thank you to volunteers in Florida, a state without an IFYE Association, for stepping up to host the 2017 conference. What an enjoyable time we’ve been having! **We need volunteer states to host the 2019 and 2020 conferences.** Please contact other IFYEs in your state to undertake this gratifying experience. Please let Victoria know if you would consider hosting. Beginning the planning this year for the 2019 conference will be to your advantage.

### **2018 World IFYE Conference**

Be sure to read your Spring IFYE Newsletter for information about the 2018 World IFYE Conference, a cruise to Alaska.

THANK YOU again for your generous support of IFYE!  
Your IFYE Board

*PS: If you received an invoice and have notified us that you cannot contribute at this time, accept our apology for the error. We still wanted you to receive the update information. We hope that is appreciated.*