



IFYE Association of the USA, Inc.

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Staffing Update:

Art Deisher has decided not to continue as the 2017 IFYE Director of Development. The IFYE Board would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the IFYE Association of the USA.

The Board is seeking an interested, qualified individual to become our Executive Director. This position will oversee the work of the association, as well as do fund-raising. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please ask them to contact Victoria Warren, President at vwarren@ifyeusa.org or 573.680.6632.

Program Update:

Alan Lambert, National Program Director, reports applications are coming in. The 2017 IFYE Program will be limited to a maximum of 20 outbound IFYEs. Several applicants have been selected thus far. More applications are expected in the coming weeks. Talk with young adults, and encourage them to apply now. The IFYE application can be found online at <http://ifyeusa.org> under the “Exchange Programs” tab. Contact Alan Lambert at alanelambert@gmail.com or 605-366-6107 for more information.

Please look at <http://ifyeusa.org> under the “Exchange Programs” tab, then “IFYE News Articles and Testimonials” to find information about the terrific experiences our 2016 IFYE Representatives had in their host countries. The IFYE website has recently been updated and includes an interactive map on the home page if you scroll down a bit. Enjoy the site!

Inbound IFYE biographies are beginning to arrive, and host states will be selected. State coordinators will soon begin host family recruitment, selection and orientation activities.

Financial Update:

THANK YOU for your support of IFYE throughout 2016 and continuing into 2017. Your donations provide IFYE experiences for today’s young adults. Your response to these updates has been ongoing and truly appreciated. Special thanks to those making an automatic monthly donation to IFYE. See below for how to set this up.

The 2017 operating budget is \$305,720 for 15 outbound IFYEs and 23 inbound IFYEs. The budget is approximately \$25,000 *less* than 2016 for similar anticipated participation. Your Board is striving to become more business savvy and prudent in spending for the IFYE exchange. While over \$305,000 is a large amount, the budget is less than \$100 per IFYE alumni on the database.

AMAZON SMILE MATCH: Thank you Amazon shoppers! We received our first deposit from Amazon Smile in November through your selection of IFYE USA as your charitable organization. If you shop Amazon and haven’t already set up to donate to IFYE, you can do it in only a few steps at www.smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. (A \$100 purchase gives IFYE 50 cents).

There are multiple ways to donate.

These have been discussed in previous updates:

1. From your IRA if you are over 70 years of age. This avoids taxation of your MRD (Minimum Required Distribution).
2. A recurring monthly donation (\$5.00 acceptable, at least \$10.00 encouraged). A recurring monthly donation puts support of IFYE in the routine family budget.
3. Writing a check or making a credit card donation annually, twice a year, quarterly, or on another schedule that fits your budget. Please use the donation invoice as described below if you wish to mail a donation.

Other options such as memorial gifts are described on the IFYE Association website.

Please mail your donation on the enclosed Donation Invoice.**IFYE Board Update**

Please join the Board in welcoming new members for 2017: Don DeWerff, Associate Treasurer; Larry Gould, Vice President; Cindy Barnett and Colleen MacMurtrie for three-year terms. Dottie Nelson is also returning for an additional three years on the Board. Thanks to Mike Coates, retiring Board member and Associate Treasurer, for his service for the past three years.

Non-board members are encouraged to join various IFYE Committees. Please lend your expertise to help in your areas of interest! Contact Victoria Warren, IFYE Association President, to volunteer.

2017 National IFYE Conference:

Registration materials and fee information for the 2017 conference in Orlando, Florida will be available within the next month. A message will be sent to all IFYEs with email addresses on our database when ready. Please also watch <http://ifyeusa.org> for information. The Co-chairs Joyce Strollo jjstrollo@comcast.net and Debbie Nistler nistlerd@ufl.edu are still recruiting committee members.

2018 World IFYE Conference

Information about the 2018 World IFYE Conference, a cruise to Alaska, is anticipated to be available on the website by March 2017. The cruise will be September 9-16, 2018 aboard Holland American Line - MS Noordam. It will start in Vancouver and end in Seward, 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.