

Hosting



Intercultural Exchange Program

We are looking for host families for the 2018/19 school year!

Attend one of our Virtual Information Nights and have all your hosting questions answered LIVE: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/7901681382362013186>

View our exchange students waiting for a host family by clicking on “Meet The Students” on our website: <https://online.yfuusa.org/host-a-student/meet-the-students.php>



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs



HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT and get ready for a life-changing experience! This is a chance to share your story, your traditions and your customs while learning about others. When you open your home and heart to a YFU international exchange student, you'll develop a fresh perspective, make memories and gain a new family member for life. Apply online at yfuusa.org or call us to learn more. Our dedicated staff and volunteers will be there every step of the way.

TYPICAL YFU STUDENTS ARE

- from one of 70 countries
- proficient speakers in English
- eager to learn about your family
- medically insured and have their own spending money
- able to share a room with another host sibling
- sure to become an integral part of your family

YFU PROVIDES

- orientations and workshops throughout the exchange year
- local support volunteers
- 24-hour emergency support

ASK YFU ABOUT

Study Abroad discounts for hosting families

Amelie 16 Year Female from Germany

Student #: 2018-149-003-0110

Amelie, 16, from Germany, quickly shows her special connection with others. Declaring her mom the best ever, she also says that one look between her dad and herself tells the two of them what each other is thinking. "My little sister is my little angel and devil in one person," she adds. "We laugh together and have a lot of fun." This caring for others extends beyond her family because Amelie and her best friend also conduct a weekend sports course for kids and weekly help to teach them karate, which Amelie has trained and competed in for years. This combination of wanting to help people and keep physically active has led Amelie to believe that police work is the right career for her. Described as responsible, able to motivate others, and respected by her peers, who often seek her opinions, Amelie eagerly awaits her arrival in the U.S. Having seen American schools and families on TV and in movies, she writes, "I don't just want to see it; I want to feel it, and I'd like to be part of the real America."

Anjo 16 Year Male from Japan

Student #: 2018-171-003-0028

16-year-old Anjo from Japan is both sporty and artistic, and describes himself as a calm and active boy! Anjo has played soccer for 9 years and has been on a school team the past year. He also likes to watch other sports, like volleyball and basketball. Anjo is very interested in nature, and likes to do pencil drawings and oil paintings of animals, plants, and landscapes. Anjo is an excellent all A's student, who enjoys studying math and science. In his free time, he likes to draw, play games or do some kind of sport with his friends, or simply watch a good movie. Anjo has a good relationship with his family, which includes a younger brother, and he really enjoys having a family pet. Anjo is excited about the opportunity to learn about the American way of life, and hopes to cook some delicious Japanese dishes for you!

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Looking to volunteer your time, and you enjoy working with teenagers? We are always needing volunteers to be a mentor to a student and family during their exchange year! Go to www.yfuusa.org and click on VOLUNTEER.



YFU is a volunteer based organization, which means that 75% of our non-profit is run by volunteers, so we don't really have "local offices" but we do have local volunteers. We strive to educate and train our volunteers to be knowledgeable in working with the other cultures and doing mediation.

YFU is a private non-profit that is certified by CSIET (Council on Standards for International Educational Travel) and the U.S. State Dept. We offer in-person, one-on-one, group conference calls and

webinar trainings to prepare you in your potential YFU volunteer role. All YFU volunteers will be certified through the Dept. of State to work with exchange students and host families. At no cost, you will take a course and test online and receive a certificate after you have completed and passed the course. The vetting and training process can be lengthy due to working directly with minors, but the reward is truly worth it.

From conducting student orientations to making classroom presentations, problem solving with international students and their host families to arranging social activities, there is truly a place for everyone with YFU. Whether you are a young professional, a parent, a retired person, or a college student - we welcome people of all backgrounds to work with us. Whatever your skills and interests are, there is a volunteer opportunity to match them! Training is provided by YFU staff and volunteers.



If these YFU volunteer opportunities sound interesting to you, please visit our website and submit a volunteer application. This is the first step! After receiving your application, I will connect with you.

If you are ready to take the first step, please submit a volunteer application

here: <https://crm.yfu.org/default/yfuCreateAccount.action>

Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Zirk

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Studying Abroad



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Applications to study abroad for the 2018/2019 program year or fall semester are accepted until March 15, 2018.

Applying to become an exchange student is a lengthy process, but can be great practice for college applications. First the student needs to find the right program that fits their needs, so some research is necessary. Once a decision is made on the program, there is an online application that takes about an hour to complete. All students participate in an interview that will be arranged by



a volunteer or staff member as a part of their application process. After acceptance to program, students will receive host family information and attend a local pre-departure orientation, and after their return, a re-entry orientation.

Here are a few deadlines coming soon:

- January 22nd & February 6th – sign up for one of our Virtual Information Nights to have your application and program related questions answered LIVE: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/3157172160275985410>
- March 15th - deadline for non-scholarship applicants to complete their application to Study Abroad and pay the tuition price provided on the bottom of the country pages. However, please be aware that our programs fill on a first come, first serve basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (503) 830-1403 or email me at ezirk@yfu.org.

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