

2027 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Opportunities

Travel applications are due November 1, 2026.

**Required interviews and first orientation are scheduled November 22, 2026.
in Junction City, KS. Details will be shared with applicants.**

Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs collaborate with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) to provide opportunities for 4-H members and their families to build skills and knowledge in global citizenship. Kansas 4-H also collaborates with the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. to provide 4-H alumni exchange opportunities to live abroad from 2 ½ months with host families.

Please note that applications for outbound programs including the exchange with Japan are due **November 1, 2026**, with the exception of IFYE, that is due **November 15, 2026**. Please contact Mary Kay Munson, 785-375-3189 or e-mail her at mkm2@ksu.edu to assure applicant will get full consideration. Available spaces and scholarships from the Kansas IFYE Association will be allotted at that time. The specific S4-H or IFYE outbound application outlines details of applying and obligations for participants.

A States' 4-H Application must be completed for the below travel programs available, 12-18-years-old). Visit: <https://app.ui3.smarterselect.com/programs/111751-States-4-H-International-Exchange-Programs?from=v1>. For the IFYE Representative program (19-25-years-old), reference information is now included as part of the application. Visit: <https://ifyeusa.org/foreign-exchange-program/2027-ifye-outbound-application-process.html>.

2027 Kansas 4-H Opportunities for Travel – Countries and Tentative Dates

Program	Destination(s)	Host Org.	Ages/Grades	Length & Approx. Date
Japan Exchange*	Japan	Labo and LEX	Ages 15-18 for 8 weeks; and 12-18 for 4-week program	4 wks.-July 7-Aug. 6 or language training with Nihongo & family stay-June 9-August 6
South Korea Exchange*	South Korea	Korean 4-H	Ages 12-18	4 wks. – July 7 – Aug. 6
Taiwan Exchange*	Taiwan	Taiwan 4-H	Ages 12-18	4 wks.–June 30-July 30
Norway Exchange*	Norway	Norge 4-H	Ages 15-18	4 wks. - June 17-July 17
Argentina Exchange*	Argentina	Argentina 4-H	Ages 15-18	Not offered in 2027
Costa Rica*	Costa Rica	Consejo Nacional de Clubes 4-S	Ages 15-18	4 wks. – June 24- July 23
IFYE Representative**	Various Countries	4-H or Rural Youth Program	Ages 19-25	2 ½ months. Dates somewhat flexible.

*Travel as a group with an adult group leader. Stay with one or two host families representing host organization.

**Travel as an individual. Programmed in several host families selected by host organization.

States 4-H International Exchange Programs is sponsoring 4-H exchanges to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Norway, and Costa Rica where Kansas and other states' 4-H'ers will be hosted by families who participate in the host organization. 4-H'ers who participate will not only learn about another culture and a little of another language, but they will also learn how other youth organizations conduct programs.

There will also be opportunities for Kansas 4-H families to host exchange teens for three weeks from Costa Rica, Taiwan and South Korea during summer 2026. Details are pending. In addition, about 30 Kansas 4-H families will be needed to host Japanese youth, aged 12-16 from Japan for 3 ½ weeks from about July 23 – August 16, 2027.

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