

## Kansas 4-H Looking for Families for Hosting IFYEs/Exchangees for Summer 2018

Have you ever wished you could experience daily life in another part of the world? Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs offer the chance to do just that without leaving your home. Kansas 4-H will be hosting several IFYEs (International Four-H Youth Exchange) and other young adults in Kansas this summer. 2018 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kansas hosting IFYEs since the program began in 1948, after World War II, as a way to live the motto, “World Peace through Understanding.”

Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 17 families this summer. We need host families who would be willing to host a male or female young adult for three weeks. Any Kansas family may host since IFYEs/exchangees do not have to be matched by gender or ages of siblings. Even families with young children or no children may host. Empty nesters may also host. Participants are 100 percent medically covered with insurance, and bring their own spending money.

**Contact:** To host a particular IFYE from the attached list or if you have further questions, please contact Chelsy Champlin, [chelsycoen@gmail.com](mailto:chelsycoen@gmail.com), or call/text, 785-248-6131, or Deryl Waldren, 4-H Specialist, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu); or call 785-462-6281.

**Benefits:** Increase your family’s cross-cultural and global understanding, broaden family communication skills, make a new friend from another country, and have fun while leaning about a new country in your own home.

**How to apply:** Families may now apply by visiting: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>. In addition, there will be an in-home interview conducted as well as background checks conducted for all adults living in the household.

**What you do:** The host family treats the IFYE as a family member (rather than a tourist/guest), and keep a “regular” family schedule. That could mean chores, fairs, camping, ballgames, etc.... very busy – or not so busy. It just depends on what your family likes to do! The focus is on everyday family life. Your IFYE/exchangee will have studied English in school, and will speak conversational English. Families generally host for a three-week period, though some may only host two weeks. See below in purple where families are needed to host. There is some flexibility on the start and stop dates when IFYEs/exchangees move from one host family to the next host family.

Please see the below attachment for a listing and time IFYEs and Kansas exchangees need host families for 2018.

Name	Country	Gender	Age	Description	Dates
Roger Z.	Switzerland	Male	24	Roger is a carpenter, but has studied to be a farmer. He plans to take over the family dairy farm (45 acres) in the future. His interests include gymnastics, soccer, cars and farm machinery, especially big farm machines.	June 19-Sept. 4 (3 families needed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 19 – July 7/8</li> <li>2. July 7/8 – 28/29</li> <li>3. July 28/29 – Aug. 11/12</li> <li>4. Schmitz Family – Aug. 11/12- Sept. 4</li> </ol>

Femke B.	Germany	Female	19	Femke grew up in a small German village with lots of farms. She often works on weekends on a farm feeding and caring for livestock. She has a passion for horses, and they are her favorite hobby. During her exchange she would like to learn about US culture, animals and farming. Other interests include horseback riding, handball, running, skiing, swimming, photography and learning about cultures.	June 25-Sept. 4 (4 families needed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 25 – July 14/15</li> <li>2. July 14/15 – July 28/29</li> <li>3. July 28/29– Aug. 18-19</li> <li>4. Aug. 18/19 – Sept 4</li> </ol>
Ketrin K.	Estonia	Female	18	Ketrin lives in the countryside in a forest. She is active in school and Estonia 4-H. She also teaches Kindergarteners dance two days a week. She helps organize events and camps in Estonia 4-H. Her family grows its own vegetables, and she often helps her grandmother with her cattle.	June 25-August 21 (3 families needed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 25 – July 14/15</li> <li>2. July 14/15 - Aug. 4/5</li> <li>3. Aug. 4/5 – Aug. 21</li> </ol>
Katerina A.	Greece	Female	15	Katerina is from Thessaloniki and attends the American Farm School. She wants to learn more English while on this exchange. She would like to have host families from rural, suburban and urban areas. Katerina enjoys nature and wants to learn more about the American lifestyle.	June 25 – Aug. 5 (2 families- filled) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weber Family, June 25–July 14/15</li> <li>2. Dehn Family, July 14/15 – Aug. 5</li> </ol>
Oraphan P.	Thailand	Female	22	Oraphan is a student studying political science and public administration. Her hobbies include dance, sports and violin. Oraphan is a past Thai 4-H member and volunteer leader. One goal is to be more involved in her local community, learn lots on the exchange program, and to then help local people use their knowledge to improve Thai society.	June 19 – Sept. 4 (4 families needed) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. June 19- July 7/8</li> <li>2. July 7/8 – July 28/29</li> <li>3. July 28/29-Aug.18/19</li> <li>4. Aug. 18/19- Sept. 4</li> </ol>

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