



IFYE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

For further information on the IFYE program, see FAQ and IFYE Brochure (<http://ifyeusa.org/exchange-programs/>)

Please attach a head and shoulders photo

State _____

County _____

Return to:

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Program for which applying: IFYE Representative (19 years + over): 6 months 3 months
 Other: _____

Please print/type. Attach separate page, if additional space is needed

PERSONAL DATA:

Full Name _____ Sex: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (As it appears on your government ID)

Preferred First Name _____ **Age:** _____ **Birthdate:** ____/____/____
Month/Day/Year

Permanent Address:

Street/Route: _____
City/State: _____ Zip _____
Area Code/Phone: _____
Cell: _____
Fax: (if applicable): _____
Email address: _____

Current Address: (If different)

Street/Route: _____
City/State: _____ Zip _____
Area Code/Phone: _____
Last date at this address: ____/____/____
Month/Day/Year

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phones: (H) _____ **(C)** _____ **(W)** _____

Family Information:

Father's Name: _____
Occupation: _____
Street/Route: _____
City/State: _____ Zip _____
Phones: (H) _____
(C) _____
(W) _____

Mother's Name: _____
Occupation: _____
Street/Route: _____
City/State: _____ Zip _____
Phones: (H) _____
(C) _____
(W) _____

Fax: (if applicable): _____
Email address: _____

Fax: (if applicable): _____
Email address: _____

Siblings:

Number of Brothers: _____ Age(s) of Brother(s): _____
Number of Sisters: _____ Age(s) of Sister(s): _____

EDUCATION: Indicate the highest year you will have completed by the date you will be available for participation.

Secondary: List highest grade completed _____ and date of completion: _____

Post-Secondary:

Name of School	Last Date attended	Degree(s) Received	Date(s) Received

Workforce: Currently working? Explain:

LANGUAGE ABILITY:

(Other than English) Please indicate: Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor - None

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Comprehension	Years Study	Spoken at Home

Are you willing to study a language? Yes No

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE U.S.:

Country(ies)	Length of Stay	Dates	Purpose (<i>tourist, exchange student, other</i>)

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION: Has your family hosted an international participant before?

Yes No

Country:	Name of Program:	Year:

Other international activities in which you and your family have been involved (i.e. Cultural Night)

LEADERSHIP & RELATED EXPERIENCES: (include your experiences in 4-H, church, school, university, other)

Organization	Years of Membership	Leadership/Other Responsibilities

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND YOU:

What are your long-range goals?

Career: _____

Personal: _____

Why do you want to participate in an international exchange program?

Please explain briefly your interest or other pertinent information about yourself and how you feel the IFYE program will benefit you in these areas:

List interests/experiences in areas such as: agriculture, agribusiness, water quality, ecology, forestry, and/or life and consumer science areas, etc. Explain the areas in which you have been involved, the extent and years of involvement. *Note: If more space is needed, please attach additional page(s).*

Leisure Interests:

SPECIAL STUDY INTEREST: While abroad, you should continue to focus on your career interests, in addition to the cultural aspects of the exchange. To the extent possible, we will consider your interests when making country and host family placements. Please describe your interest(s) (e.g., agriculture, economics, politics, environment, nutrition). Note: If more space is needed, please attach additional page(s).

Be specific - give details: _____

SMOKING:

Do you use tobacco in any form? _____ Yes _____ No
 If yes, please explain: _____

Can you be placed with a smoking family? _____ Yes _____ No

HEALTH: Please attach medical form to this application.

INSURANCE

Name of medical insurance carrier: _____
 I.D. #: _____ Group#: _____

REGION & COUNTRY PREFERENCES: Programs are normally categorized according to the following regions: Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Central America, North America, South America, Middle East, South Pacific, etc. Individual countries should then be selected for each region. *Note: Not all regions participate annually.*

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice	Fourth Choice
Region				
Country				
1 st Choice				
2 nd Choice				
3 rd Choice				

List regions / countries that are NOT acceptable to you and please specify why: (NOTE: Programs will not be considered for countries currently on the U.S. Department of State "Watch List.")

Region/Country _____ Reason: _____
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Earliest date you can depart. (If after mid-June, please explain reason): _____

Religion: (For information of host. If Protestant, give denomination: _____)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Other information helpful in your placement with a program (*include special interests or medical considerations*): (*Attach additional sheet if needed.*)

How did you learn about IFYE Exchange Program? (*Check all that apply.*)

- Former Participant Cooperative Extension Office Print Media (ex: Newspaper)
- 4-H Event (specify): _____ Other (specify): _____

REFERENCES: Must be individuals other than relatives. *Note: It is recommended that one reference be from a youth organization leader in which you have participated.*

Name: _____ Phone: (H)(W)(C) _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Title/Relationship to Applicant: _____

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Address: _____

Email address: _____

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FEE: Upon program selection and acceptance, fee breakdown will be provided. Currently, this ranges from \$2,500 to \$4,000. Some states offer scholarships. Please check with your state coordinator for this availability.

I CERTIFY that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the purposes and objectives of the IFYE program and agree to participate within the framework of the program for which I am accepted.

NOTE: If submitting electronically, a typed signature will be acceptable.

Applicant's Signature Date

WHY IFYE? (ONE-PAGE ESSAY)

Include the following information:

- (1) Why are you interested in participating in this exchange program?
- (2) What do you hope to gain?
- (3) How do you intend to apply what you hope to learn?
- (4) What possible impact do you think you can have because of this experience?

IFYE LETTER TO HOST FAMILY

Please write a separate letter to your potential host family describing yourself, your family, education, characteristics, interests, hobbies, etc.



IFYE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
Due with Application

Similar questions may also be asked in an oral interview.

These questions are designed to better prepare you for the homestay exchange experience. Think carefully and be specific!

Please print or type answers to the following questions. You may use a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is the hardest thing for you about listening?
2. What takes you out of your comfort zone and how do you cope when feeling uncomfortable?
3. This exchange is a cultural immersion program. All host countries have cultural differences from your home, community, county and state. How will you react when faced with cultural situations that differ from what you have grown up with?
4. When you hear the word diversity, what do you think and how does it relate to this exchange experience?



IFYE OUTBOUND CULTURAL PROJECT

Each outbound delegate is asked to prepare a cultural project that he/she can share with his/her host family.

The cultural project should focus on an aspect of American culture that is important to you. The project can be in any form and on any topic. For instance, previous delegates have:

- Demonstrated how to throw a lasso
- Prepared their favorite food dish
- Sung a favorite pop song (with accompanying dance moves!)
- Taught their favorite sport/game and then played it with their host family

Pick a project that you enjoy and that you're comfortable teaching others. You should also be prepared to leave a "hard copy" of your project with your host family. For instance, write down the recipe for your favorite dish, write down the lyrics for your favorite song, take photographs of your dance moves, or prepare a guidebook with pictures on your favorite sport. The main goal is for you to share a piece of American culture with your host family and new friends ... and to have fun!

Please describe your project in the space below and/or attach a separate sheet (if necessary).