

SHARE YOUR WORLD!



A MESSAGE TO STATES' 4-H HOST FAMILIES

When you host through States' 4-H, you partner with one of the largest youth-serving organizations in America. 4-H is built on a model of positive youth development. We see hosting as an educational opportunity not just for the delegate, but for the host family, and entire host community.

States' 4-H programs focus on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others, and engaged citizenship. Our vast and multi-layered support network means there is always someone available to help if you have a question, problem, or just need advice on how to handle a particular situation.

States' 4-H recognizes that opening your home to a youth from a different country is a big change for most families, and we are here to support you every step of the way!

EXPLORE THE WORLD!



STATES' 4-H SUMMER HOSTING (INBOUND) PROGRAM



Being a host family is an experience that will last a lifetime. The States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Inbound Program brings nearly 700 youth from around the globe to homes across America every summer.

As members of American families, exchange participants experience the American way of life and share their own culture in a variety of ways. Hosting allows your family the opportunity to expand their global perspective, while opening a brand-new world to a young person from overseas.

You and your family can join in this unique adventure by hosting this summer. All it takes is a warm heart, an open house, and a passion for international experiences.

4-week Programs: JAPAN SOUTH KOREA
COSTA RICA TAIWAN
NORWAY

**Some programs may not be offered every year.*

STATES' 4-H ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM



American families have the opportunity to host a high school student for one academic year (August–June). Students are enrolled in public high school and participate in

school and community activities as members of their host families.

States' 4-H currently places students from over 20 countries through the Academic Year Program, including Armenia, Bulgaria, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Poland, Serbia, South Korea, Turkey, and Ukraine. Many of our students are scholarship recipients participating in the Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) and Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES), both of which are sponsored by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

State coordinators and local representatives in the host community provide support services for host families and exchange students throughout the school year.



STATES' 4-H TRAVEL ABROAD (OUTBOUND) PROGRAM



Spend time abroad and immerse yourself in another culture! American youth delegates live with a local family and find themselves part of a world tourists never get to see, engaging in experiential learning opportunities throughout their exchange.

All summer programs include a States' 4-H chaperone for the duration of the program, short-term medical insurance, and an overnight national departure orientation. The annual application deadline for Outbound Programs is typically in late fall.

4-week Summer Programs: JAPAN ROMANIA
COSTA RICA SOUTH KOREA
NORWAY TAIWAN

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8-week Summer Program:

- 4 weeks of Japanese language and culture courses prior to starting the month-long program
- Cultural excursions around Tokyo

Academic Year Abroad:

- Spend 11 months in Japan while attending high school and living with a host family.

GET IN TOUCH! For information on States' 4-H programs visit www.states4hexchange.org or email exchange@states4h.org.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



*"...everyone in the world is in a **really big community**, the only difference is that we're in different neighborhoods. The term to me describes **unity, individuality and equality**. ...We belong to a community divided by water and mountains, not by ideas or even the color of our skin. We are **accepted as a part of a family** that is made up of all the people of the world, not all the people in our country."*

— Alea Hale (States' 4-H host sibling and 2014 States' 4-H outbound delegate from Alaska)

"An increasing number of careers involve working across cultures, requiring language skills, regional knowledge and the ability to see things from different perspectives"

— U.S. Department of Education's Updated International Strategy 2018

About States' 4-H International

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through 4-H cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth. Since 1972, more than 63,000 youth in 41 countries on six continents have participated in the States' 4-H International Exchange.

The 4-H National Headquarters at the US Department of Agriculture/NIFA has authorized States' 4-H to use the 4-H name and emblem. States' 4-H is designated by the US Department of State as a sponsor of J-1 Secondary Student exchange programs and is granted full listing by the Council for Standards on International Educational Travel (CSJET).

CURRENT 4-H MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

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| University of Alaska | University of Nevada |
| University of Arizona | New Mexico State University |
| Colorado State University | North Carolina State University |
| Cornell University (NY) | Ohio State University |
| University of Florida | Oklahoma State University |
| University of Idaho | Oregon State University |
| University of Illinois | Rutgers University (NJ) |
| Iowa State University | South Dakota State University |
| Kansas State University | Texas A&M University |
| University of Kentucky | Virginia Tech University |
| University of Maryland | Washington State University |
| Michigan State University | West Virginia University |
| University of Missouri | University of Wisconsin |
| Montana State University | |

**The above list of member institutions is current as of 2019.*

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