

Thailand Teacher Assistant Program

May 26, 2010 to October 28, 2010

Join the AFS Teaching Assistant Program in Thailand and immerse yourself in the culture! Teaching in Thailand gives you the chance to experience the customs, traditions and culturally rich areas of a unique and distinctive country, while contributing towards the education of its children!

AFS Thailand has a strong reputation and history in the schools and can provide mentors and guidance during your experience.

Teaching Assistants (TAs) are assigned to help an experienced teacher in the classroom from June 1st through September. TAs work 15 class periods per week and become actively involved in the host school and AFS sponsored activities. In October, when school is out, TAs are assigned to a related service project.



Teaching Assistants may be placed at any school level from Kindergarten to University depending on their interests and qualifications.

The school will provide a cost of living allowance for the participant of:

- 5000 baht/month (approx. \$150) when lunch is not included, or
- 4000 bath/month (approx. \$120) when lunch is provided by the school



The Teaching Assistants will:

- Assist lead teachers with curriculum development
- Lead classes under supervision or as assigned
- Make and score tests
- Help with organizing some outdoor activities for students. e.g. English camp
- Participate in extra curricular school activities such as Judo, Ping-Pong, Soccer, Dancing, Tennis, Cooking, Thai boxing, Handicrafts, Meditation, etc. depending on the opportunities at the school



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Requirements

- High School graduate, preferably 18 years or older
- Some college a plus
- Good general health to meet medical requirements
- Teaching experience useful but not required.

Housing

TA's are placed with a host family, frequently with a teacher at the same school who volunteers to provide room and board. Alternatively, some TA's will be given a room at the school.

Visa Requirements

A Non-Immigrant ED visa of 90 days is recommended. The visa will be extended during the Mid-Stay Orientation.

Orientations and Training

AFS Thailand provides three cultural and educational orientations to help participants be successful in their assignments.

Arrival Orientation

AFS will pick-up participants at the airport and bring them to a hotel in Bangkok where they stay for up to 4 days. During this time, participants learn basic language skills and get a cultural orientation so that they can understand and adjust more easily into the Thai culture. TAs meet their advisors during the session about the lesson planning. On the last day of the Arrival Orientation, the advisors escort the TAs to their school assignment.

Mid-Stay Orientation

This orientation is scheduled 2 to 3 months after arrival and takes place in the region of Thailand where the participants are placed. The Mid Stay lasts 4 to 5 days, and is used to address concerns and expectations. Discussions will go deeper into an understanding of the Thai culture and the TA's adaptation. The ED visa will be extended at this time.

End-of-Stay Orientation

This orientation takes place just before departure and lasts up to 2 days. Program participants have a chance to evaluate their experience and identify personal and professional development achievements.

Scholarships

Full scholarships are available for this Thailand Teacher Program for 2010. Applications are due by January 31, 2010; and awards will be announced in early March.



Scholarship covers:

- Round Trip International airfare from Los Angeles
- Secondary Medical Insurance
- Online Pre-Departure Orientations
- Orientations in Thailand
- Room & Board on program

