



**Intercultural
Programs USA**



*Sending 101
for AFS Volunteers*

What will we cover

- Introductions
- AFS Basics
- Walk through www.afsusa.org
- Review resources
 - AFS Wiki
 - Global Link
- Cycle of an AFS volunteer

AFS Basics – Section I



- AFS History and Mission
- AFS Network, AFS-USA
- The Benefits of Exchange
- Programs
- Requirements
- Key Pages on <http://www.afsusa.org/>





1917, A. Piatt Andrew and Stephan Galatti, Paris Headquarters



Stephen Galatti,
Director General & President



1947, 52 students from 10 countries involved in WWII participate in the first exchange.

WWI, 1914: The American Ambulance Service organized the American Field Service to transport wounded French soldiers.

WWII, 1939: The American Field Service reactivated the ambulance corps in France, Italy, North Africa, and the Middle East.

After WWII, 1946: The AFS drivers pledged to sustain the tradition of international service. AFS International Scholarships created.



AFS-USA

Today, AFS is one of the world's largest community-based volunteer organizations and the largest secondary student exchange organization in the U.S.

Each year, AFS-USA sends 1200 U.S. students to over 40 countries on year, semester and summer programs.

AFS-USA hosts more than 2,500 international students and teachers from over 50 countries each year.

AFS Partner Network

- More than 50 partners
- 40,000 volunteers & over 500 staff worldwide
- 13,000 participants each year worldwide
- 380,000 Program Returnees



What makes AFS Unique

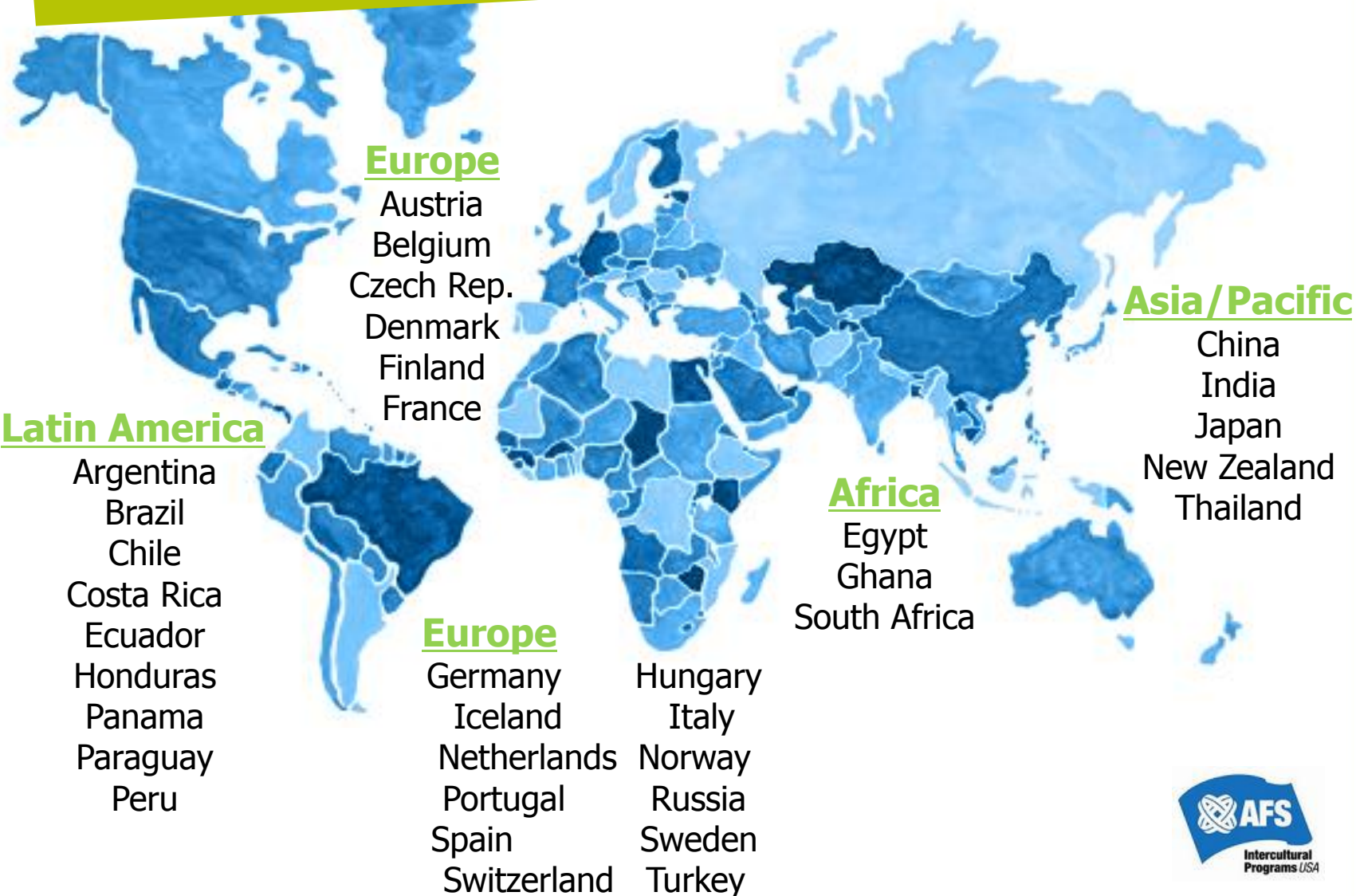
- 60+ years of history and is the largest exchange organization
- The widest selection of programs
- A supportive network of volunteers to help students in the US, and abroad
- Orientations throughout process

Why become an AFSer?

- Experience language immersion
- Gain Global Competency
- Stand out on college applications
- Make friends from around the world



Explore the World with AFS



Program Choice

Year

- Complete immersion
- About 10 months
- Become fluent

Semester

- Works for busy students
- About 6 months
- Learn a language

Summer

- 4-8 weeks
- Options: Homestay, language study, community service

GAP Year

- Year, semester and summer
- For high school grads
- Academic or community service programs

AFS Requirements



Age 15-18 for high school programs, 18-26 for Gap-year programs

GPA 2.8

Language Very few programs have requirements

Good health physically, mentally and emotionally to ensure the safety of participants, and a positive experience

Open to new experiences and ready for new challenges

KEY THINGS to know about Admissions

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis
- Acceptance is a dual process between partner countries
- Encourage scholarships and fundraising early on
- All program info is on the website
- For questions a volunteer cannot answer, the natural family should call 1800-AFS-INFO or email myapplication@afs.org

Surfing afsusa.org

Important Links:

- [Study Abroad](#)
- [How to Apply](#)
- [Parents](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- [Blog/Facebook](#)
- [Posting events](#)



SCAVENGER HUNT!


Learning 'How-to' in Global Link

Service Case : Search

Your IOC [?]	Program Code
<input type="text" value="USA"/>	<input type="text"/>
Service Type	Service Stage [?]
<input type="text" value="All"/>	<input type="text" value="All"/>
Selection Status [?]	Selection Stage [?]
<input type="text" value="All"/>	<input type="text"/>
Online Application Program Name [?]	
<input type="text" value="All"/>	
Service Ref. [?]	
<input type="text"/>	
Native First Name	
<input type="text"/>	
English First Name	

- How to find a participant application
- How to find a Volunteer
- How to leave a comment

Decoding Global link

No.	IOC	Program Code	Dest IOC.	Service Ref.	Assigned To	Applicant	Service Info	Source	Online App	Placement (F,O,T)	
1	USA	YPscNH11	DEN	11-00840	Area Team: Miss Tennky Area Team	testnattyLENS, testnattyLens (testnatty FNS, testnattyLens)	Sending- Application-Open	OA	School Based, Short Summer and University Programs FullApp / Preparing	(0, 0, 0)	

Annotations:

- Service Ref. (11-00840):** Click here for information on the student's application status
- Applicant (testnattyLENS, testnattyLens):** Click here for student's Contact Info, Family Info, and Contact Log
- Online App (School Based, Short Summer and University Programs):** Click here to view the student's application

Field Descriptions:

- Program Code:** - Length, - Program, - Cycle, -Year
- Assigned To:** Area Team of Student
- Service Info:** - Service Type, - Service Stage, - Service Status
- Placement (F,O,T):** Info on Host Family and School Placement
- IOC (USA):** Local Country
- Dest IOC. (DEN):** Country applied to

Global link in practice

1. Find a student going abroad for a Semester in your Area Team for 2012
2. Open the Semester student's application and read their host-family "self intro"

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1. Find a Sending Volunteer in your AT who is currently active
2. Read what other affiliations they've had



Questions?

Sending Volunteers . . .

- ✓ **Identify** potential AFSers through local recruitment efforts.
- ✓ **Act** as a local contact for schools and educators.
- ✓ **Encourage** 'leads' to submit preliminary application to begin the process.
- ✓ **Nurture** students and parents through the application and acceptance process.
- ✓ **Provide** quality interviews and PDOs.
- ✓ **Support** natural parents while students are abroad.
- ✓ **Welcome** Returnees home.

Tending your AFS Garden: the AFS Sending Process



Planting the Seeds

Lead Generation & Management



Nurturing Seedlings

Mentoring students & interviews

In-home Interviews

Promoting Online Info Sessions

Inviting applicants to AFS events

CultureGrams

Encouraging language study



Recommending CultureTrek
Checking-in with applicants

Showcasing Ask An AFSer
Setting expectations

Fertilizing & Harvest Time

Fundraising, retention and departure



Encourage host-family contact
Packing advice
Integrating Returnees
Ongoing mentorship

Gateway Orientations

Check-in with families before departure

Pre-departure Orientations

Offer cultural adjustment advice



Key Resources

Sending Section of the Wiki:

<http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Sending>

Sending Memos

[http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Sending Memos](http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Sending_Memos)

Sending Volunteer calls

[http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Sending Volunteer Calls](http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Sending_Volunteer_Calls)

Online Sending Webinar Trainings for Volunteers:

[http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/RSVP for Sending Training](http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/RSVP_for_Sending_Training)



Key Print-out Materials

Interview training packet download (includes info on Visas, medical policy and FAQ):

http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Interviewing_American_Students

School Presentation resources:

http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/School_Presentations

Marketing Materials

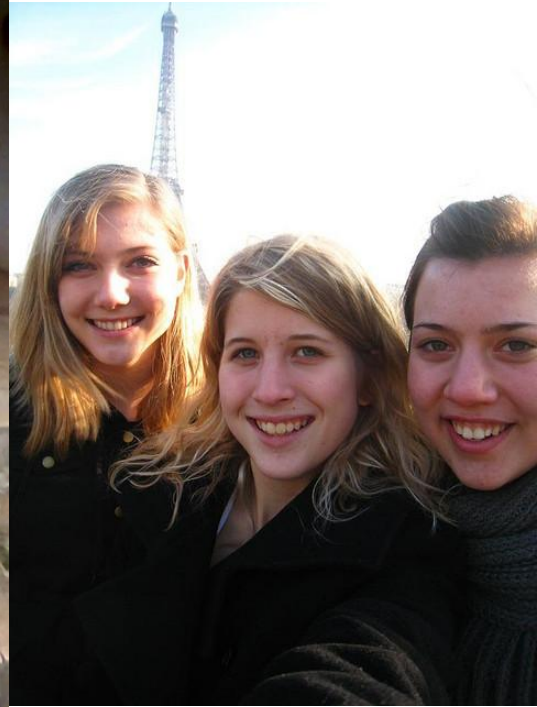
http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Promotional_Materials_for_Students_and_Families

Supporting students through Fundraising:

http://www.afswiki.org/index.php/Fundraising_For_Students

Sending Timeline

	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Sow Seeds -- Recruitment												
NH Recruitment (Lead Generation)	Recruitment for Year & Semester Programs						Summer Programs Recruitment					
NH Lead Management (Follow-up)												
SH Recruitment (Lead Generation)												
SH Lead Management (Follow-up)												
Nurture Seedlings -- Preperation												
Application mentoring												
Interviews	SH Interviews							NH Interviews				
Application Deadlines	SH Deadlines							NH Deadlines				
Scholarship Deadlines*	SH							NH				
Fertilize -- Retention												
Support Applicants Until Departure												
Supporting Student Fundraising PDOs												
Core Program Interviews												
Tend to the Gardeners												
Training												
Returnee Engagement												
Sponsored Programs												
Sponsored Programs Deadlines*				NSLI-Y	CBYX	YES						
Scholarship Winners Announced								CBYX	YES/NSLI			
Sponsored Programs Interviews												
Sponsored Programs Events												
CBYX (Northeastern States Only)						NSLI-Y Interview Events						
							CBYX Selection					



Welcome to AFS Sending!