

Since 1947, AFS has been a worldwide leader in international student exchange.

Each year, AFS-USA hosts more than 2,700 outstanding exchange students from more than 50 countries.



AFSers bring the world to your community!

Throughout their year stay, students make meaningful contributions to their homes, schools, and communities, and touch many lives. The entire community benefits from an exchange experience in so many rich and wonderful ways!

About AFS-USA

AFS-USA is a non-profit, international student exchange organization. Each year we:

- w Send more than 1,600 U.S. students to 44 countries.
- w Host more than 2,700 international exchange students.
- w Award more than \$1.5 million in financial aid and scholarships.

AFS, formerly the American Field Service, is a worldwide nonprofit founded 60 years ago by World War I and II volunteer ambulance drivers who believed that cultural exchanges would help promote world peace.

AFS-USA works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership.

Purpose of Position:

Schools are important partners in hosting international students. AFS Community Representatives will establish and nurture relationships with their local high schools and serve as critical links between AFS and high school personnel. Representatives also identify host families for up to three AFS Exchange Students and provide support to students and families throughout their stay.

If you like working with young people and want to expand your world while contributing to your community, become an AFS Community Representative for Intercultural Learning.



Benefits:

As you work with young people from around the world, you will learn more about your community, increase your global awareness, and likely begin to see things in new ways. Not only will you enrich the lives of others, but will find your life enriched as well.

As an AFS Community Representative, you will:

- w **Build relationships with local school personnel.**
- w **Develop and nurture relationships with civic leaders and groups.**
- w **Enhance your expertise in intercultural communication and public relations.**
- w **Strengthen your skills in working with teenagers.**
- w **Acquire access to staff-development opportunities and a professional reference from you supervisor.**
- w **Work closely with like minded people within our volunteer network**

When you become an AFS Community Representative you join a global network of



more than 5,000 American AFS volunteers and more than 100,000 AFS volunteers from around the world.

Qualifications:

AFS will provide you with training and recruitment tools. Besides that, you will have to:

- w Have e-mail and Internet access.
- w Volunteer about 15 hours each month.
- w Have good communications skills.
- w Register as an AFS volunteer.

Educators are welcome, but school employment is not required. You can volunteer alone, or recruit a friend to help. AFS gladly welcomes new volunteers.



Responsibilities :

As an AFS Community Representative, your responsibilities will be to:

- w Build a relationship with the school, and make quarterly visits
- w Work with key school personnel to secure AFS students' enrollment and ensure that AFS follows school policies and guidelines.
- w Recruit up to three host families and their liaisons. Liaisons provide individual support to a host family and student.
- w Plan activities to welcome AFS students and host families and encourage participation in AFS orientations.
- w Build relationships with students and host families, and visit with them regularly.
- w Promote AFS intercultural learning opportunities to American teens.

Contribute your time and talents to AFS as you help further the AFS mission – become an AFS Community Representative for Intercultural Learning!

Training and Support :

As an AFS Community Representative for Intercultural Learning, you will receive:

- w Training to help prepare you for what your school may need and expect from you.
- w Help in identifying families in your school district who will be excited to share their homes for a year with young people from other countries.
- w Materials that help recruit host families and build relationships with your school.
- w Information about how AFS operates to ensure that AFS maintains the highest standard of quality programs.
- w Ongoing support from the AFS Area Team and staff.

For more information, you can call the Regional Hosting Staff at your AFS Regional Service Center at 1-800-876-2377.

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