



AFS Intercultural Programs is the original high school exchange program. AFS was founded 62 years ago by the American Field Service volunteer ambulance drivers from World War II who wanted to make a lasting contribution to peace. Today, AFS is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, and sets the standard in international high school exchange.



Go Abroad with AFS

Do you have a passion for the environment or social issues? Check out the exotic **AFS Community Service summer programs** doing projects in places like Ghana, Panama, and Thailand. Like sports? Spend summer with the 2004 silver-medal winning Paraguayan Olympic **Soccer Team**. Like languages? Study **Spanish** in Spain, Panama, Costa Rica or Argentina, or **Russian** in Latvia, **Arabic** in Egypt, **Mandarin** in China, or **Japanese** in Japan. Colleges and corporations understand the value of AFS. AFS offers 170 **year, semester** and **summer** programs in over 50 countries all around the world for students ages 15-24. Consider a gap year with AFS. Financial aid and scholarships are available. **Apply now!** Programs are filling fast. AFS-USA and AFS Washtenaw offer scholarships & financial aid for highly qualified students.

Congratulations to our Pioneer World Ambassadors!

Joyce Yoo has been in **Austria** all year and is having a great time. **Michaela Carmein** is living in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**, **Sarah Holmes** is in Pinas El Oro, **Ecuador**, and **David Torres** is in **Spain**. All three are on year programs. **Elaine Ezekiel** just returned from a gap semester in **Costa Rica** where she did a community service project.

Allie Stein just left to spend this semester in, **Chile**. She is living with a host family in Santiago, and attending high school (yes, in Spanish!) Allie and her family are hosting **Ana from Bolivia** this year. It is not a requirement to host a student, but it is a good way to prepare for your own experience.

Enrich your family-- host an AFSer

Enrich your family's daily life simply by sharing it with a young person from another culture. Hosting is a fun and exciting way to learn about the world. Including an AFS exchange student in your family for just one school year is a lifelong gift to your family. The relationship you build with your new son/daughter/brother/sister lasts forever. And, supporting people-to-people diplomacy is something *you* can do for world peace!

Our extensive, local AFS volunteer network provides orientations, support, and fun activities throughout the experience. Hosting is so much fun that many AFS families host again and again. **Student applications from over 50 countries are now available for the 2009-10 school year.** Placements are already taking place. Start now to allow good selection, and time to correspond before arrival in August.

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