



**Enrolling More Volunteer and
Teacher Recruiters**

Global Connections

Structure of this session

- Brief Overview of the Program
- Questions (that Need to Be Answered in Order to Plan)
- Small Groups: How Will You Use this Tool as a Volunteer
- Give Feedback to the Larger Group

What is Global Connections?

Program that awards Connection Credits (CC) to Nominators when they identify a student who registers to go on an AFS program.

Purpose of Global Connections

- To increase the recruitment of qualified candidates for our outbound programs
- To encourage greater teacher and returnee involvement in AFS



How Does Global Connections Work?

- Educators, AFS Returnees, AFS Volunteers and other community leaders nominate students to study abroad with AFS
- For every student nominated that goes abroad
 - The student receives a \$75 tuition discount
 - The nominator receives 2 Connection Credits

What are CCs Used For?

14 credits

- Fund a \$1000 scholarship in his/her name, awarded to a student of their choice.
- Purchase up to \$500 in merchandise at the AFS store
- Attend a National AFS Volunteer Conference

24 credits

- Attend a two-week, AFS-organized intercultural trip to Thailand, including round-trip airfare, an in-country orientation, a homestay, and a brief, end-of-stay celebration at a tourist destination.
- Round trip airfare to their host country, country of a student they have hosted in the past, or \$1000 off such a ticket if the price exceeds \$1000.

48 credits

- The nominator may bring along a second person at no additional charge

Other Potential Awards

Other rewards will be announced as the Global Connections program matures. Ideas for future consideration include:

- A **laptop computer** to carry out AFS-related work more efficiently.
- Other types of **domestic conferences** that promote international exposure for American students

How do you nominate students?

- Go to www.afsusa.org
- Go to AFS for Schools page and enroll in the AFS Global Connections program
- Nominate students using the web lead link provided

How can educators stay informed? The International Classroom ENewsletter

- Scholarship opportunities
- Monthly intercultural activities
- Spotlights on countries that can be used in the classroom
- Up-to-date information and deadlines on AFS study abroad programs.



Questions Before we move to Group Discussion?

- For answers to detailed questions, please refer to your handout

Questions for Group Discussion

- 1) What excites you about the Global Connections Program?
- 2) What concerns do you have?
- 3) How would you promote this program to your team and to teachers in your area?
- 4) What would you do to make this program more exciting?
- 5) Identify the steps that a recruiter would need to take to generate leads