



AFS-USA Faces of America

DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY ABROAD

AFS-USA'S FACES OF AMERICA

AFS-USA's Faces of America (FoA) is the signature diversity scholarship program of AFS Intercultural Programs/USA. FoA provides high achieving, low-income students with a once-in-a-lifetime experience that would typically be out of their reach - studying abroad as a high school student. Through Faces of America, students from underserved communities engage in summer, semester and year-long international exchange opportunities that allow them to experience life from within a new culture, and to acquire the skills and networks that will help them become part of an emerging, global workforce. Since 2007, FoA has provided opportunities to over 630 students from under represented communities who have participated on AFS programs in over 25 countries.



FoA scholar on community service program in Costa Rica.

PARTNERSHIPS THAT MATTER

In many ways, FoA is a 21st century model for public-private-nonprofit partnership. By partnering closely with community based organizations (CBOs) to help identify the best and brightest students from underserved populations -- teenagers who are already successfully engaged in leadership, enrichment, and mentoring programs -- FoA makes it possible for these highly motivated students to live and learn in another country. AFS-USA staff and volunteers administer the program hand-in-hand with a consortium of CBOs in urban centers from coast to coast, like Summer Search and Kappa League Leadership Institute (for a full listing of our CBO partners, please visit our AFS-USA website).

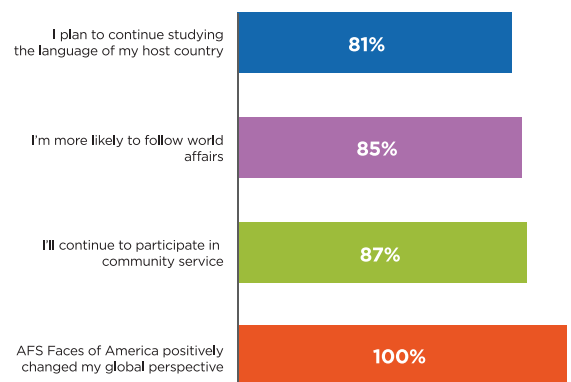
AFS-USA's Faces of America is made possible through corporate and foundation partners, individual donors, and matching funds provided by our CBO partners. Through these alliances, we've created a holistic educational experience that keeps students on a college-bound track, and prepares them to excel in the global marketplace.

MAKING A GLOBAL DIFFERENCE

International exposure is critical to creating leaders able to compete in today's global economy. AFS-USA strongly believes that students facing serious economic hardship should not be prevented from acquiring this crucial skill set simply because they lack financial resources. The benefits to students are many, including:

- ✓ Foreign language learning
- ✓ Preferential admissions and scholarship considerations for colleges and universities
- ✓ Enhanced career opportunities
- ✓ Intercultural communication skills

AFS-USA's Survey of 2010 FoA Participants



For more information, please see www.afsusa.org/faces-of-america



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