

International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) Representative Program

Who: 4-H Alumni 19-25 years old

What: A 2, 3, or 6-month home-stay experience with multiple rural families in 1-2 countries as arranged with partner 4-H or rural youth programs in the host countries. Learn about 4-H or rural youth programs, agriculture, home life, local culture and much more. Specific placements are negotiated to allow for interests of the delegate. Academic credit may be secured through delegate's college.

When: Early-June to Mid-August 2026

Where: 4-H Partners are available in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Costs: approximately \$3,750, plus \$200 administrative fee (varies based on airfares). Scholarships are available.



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<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>

2026 Program Dates to Remember:

Applications are due November 1, 2025. A required interview is scheduled for November 23 in Junction City. Details TBA.

World citizenship programs for 4-H members are facilitated by the Board of the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs in partnership with Kansas 4-H Youth Development, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Road, KSU, Manhattan, KS 66506. IFYE Exchanges for 4-H alumni are facilitated by the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc., and Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs.

(Cover photos courtesy of Amy Schafer, cleaning cheese in Switzerland; Emily Page cutting grapes in Germany; and Beth Steuwe pulling well water in Botswana. Panel photo of Norwegian Fjords and Martha Riese harvesting potatoes courtesy of Martha Riese. Cart and mountain volcano photo courtesy of Stuart Hensleigh in Costa Rica).

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Mission

- Help young people and their families understand the importance of knowing about other countries and their cultures.
- Instill positive cross-cultural attitudes and skills that enhance mutual understanding and acceptance of all people
- Expand the opportunities for young people to experience global citizenship responsibilities in today's interdependent world
- Increase life skills of self-esteem and confidence through adapting to new situations
- Learn languages and communication skills
- Increase global awareness

Youth Travel

Who: 4-H youth ages 12-18
(age requirements vary by program)

What: Experience life in another country and culture staying with a native host family & travel with a chaperoned group.

When: June-August (dates vary by program)

Where: Japan, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Argentina, and South Korea.

Costs: \$3,500 - \$7,500 (check with price for specific program) Includes: orientations, domestic & international travel, travel insurance, & more!



Chaperone Travel

Who: Adults, 25 or older, experienced in working with youth and international travel

What: Provide escort, leadership and guidance to youth in outbound programs. Chaperones also stay with host families.

Cost: \$1,000 - \$1,800 (fee depends on program - all transportation and other expenses are covered by the Program)



Host Families

Who: 4-H families who are willing to open their homes to an international visitor

What: A unique opportunity to add a new family member from another country.

When: 2-4 weeks during the summer and fall, or for a school year (actual dates vary by program)

Where: Delegates come from Finland, Japan, Norway, Taiwan, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Argentina, plus other countries.

To receive more information, mail this form to:

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Please send me more information on the program(s) I've checked below:

Youth Travel: ☐ Japan ☐ S Korea ☐ Taiwan ☐ Argentina ☐

Summer Hosting*: ☐ Costa Rica ☐ Taiwan ☐ Argentina ☐

(*depends on delegate availability)

Year-Long Hosting: ☐ Japan ☐ Ask for list

Program Chaperones: ☐ South Korea ☐ Taiwan ☐ Costa Rica ☐ S. Korea

4-H Alumni (IFYE Representative) - 19-25 years old ☐ **Send List**

Your Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address/Town/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____