

2026 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Opportunities

Travel applications are due November 1, 2025.

**Required interviews and first orientation are scheduled November 23, 2025.
in Junction City, KS. Details will be shared with applicants.**

Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs collaborate with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) to provide opportunities for 4-H members and their families to build skills and knowledge in global citizenship. Kansas 4-H also collaborates with the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. to provide 4-H alumni exchange opportunities to live abroad from 3-6 months with host families.

An Outbound Exchange Application must be completed for each of the travel programs available. Visit the web site: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. In addition, there are supplemental forms for the IFYE Representative program. Two required reference forms are provided to be distributed by applicants and returned by the reference person, one from a school or other reference, and one to be completed by an Extension Agent.

Please note that applications for outbound programs including the exchange with Japan are due **November 1, 2025**, with the exception of IFYE, that is due **November 15, 2025**. Please contact Mary Kay Munson, 785-375-3189 or e-mail her at mkm2@ksu.edu to assure applicant will get full consideration. Available spaces and scholarships from the Kansas IFYE Association will be allotted at that time. The specific S4-H or IFYE outbound application outlines details of applying and obligations for participants. To download this form and others, visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/index.html>.

2026 Kansas 4-H Opportunities for Travel – Countries and Tentative Dates

Program	Destination(s)	Host Org.	Ages/Grades	Length & Approx. Date
Japanese Exchange*	Japan	Labo and LEX	Ages 15-18 for 8 weeks; and 12-18 for 4-week program	4 wks.-July 9-Aug. 6 or language training with Nihongo & family stay-June 11-August 6
South Korea Exchange*	South Korea	Korean 4-H	Ages 12-18	4 wks. – July 16 – Aug. 13
Taiwan Exchange*	Taiwan	Taiwan 4-H	Ages 12-18	4 wks. – July 9-Aug. 6
Argentina Exchange*	Argentina	Argentina 4-H	Ages 15-18	4 wks. –July 12- Aug. 2
Costa Rica*	Costa Rica	Consejo Nacional de Clubes 4-S	Ages 15-18	4 wks. – June 26- July 23
IFYE Representative**	Various Countries	4-H or Rural Youth Program	Ages 19-25	2, 3 or 6-months. Dates somewhat flexible.

*Travel as a group with an adult group leader. Stay with one or two host families representing host organization.

**Travel as an individual. Programmed in several host families selected by host organization.

States 4-H International Exchange Programs is sponsoring 4-H exchanges to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Argentina, and Costa Rica where Kansas and other states' 4-H'ers will be hosted by families who participate in the host organization. 4-H'ers who participate will not only learn about another culture and a little of another language, but they will also learn how other youth organizations conduct programs.

There will also be opportunities for Kansas 4-H families to host exchange teens for three weeks from Costa Rica, Argentina, Taiwan and South Korea during summer 2026. Details are pending. In addition, about 30 Kansas 4-H families will be needed to host Japanese youth, aged 12-16 from Japan for 3 ½ weeks from about July 23 – August 16, 2026.

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