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**Intercultural
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*Leading International Student
Exchange for More than 50 Years*

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An Adventure Worth Taking! Programs Abroad



Leading International Student Exchange for More than 50 Years





AFS . . . An Adventure Worth Taking!

Scholarships

Help Cover the Costs Of an AFS Experience

Thanks to many generous foundations, corporations, individual contributors, and local chapters, AFS provides more than \$1 million annually in merit scholarships and financial aid to enable qualified young people ages 15 to 24 to live overseas for a year, semester, or summer.

How Merit Scholarships And Financial Aid Work

AFS merit scholarships and financial aid cover between 10 and 100% of the program tuition (participation fee). Last year more than 38% of participants received some assistance. When students apply, they are considered for all available scholarships for which they are eligible. *Students are urged to apply early for best program selection and broadest scholarship and financial aid consideration.*

The AFS program tuition covers round-trip international travel with the AFS group, travel within the host country to the host family and back, placement with a carefully selected host family who provides room and board, orientations in the U.S. and host country, and visa information. Additional costs not covered by merit scholarships, financial aid, or the program tuition include: secondary medical coverage (required), travel within the U.S. to the AFS departure airport, passport/visa fees, any required inoculations, and personal spending money.

In the past, students who have received aid have raised funds to cover the remaining costs in many creative ways that can be found in the AFS publication *Financing Your AFS Experience*. To receive a copy of this booklet, contact your Regional Service Center at 1-800-876-2377.

Merit Scholarships

Merit scholarships are awarded to the applicants who best exemplify the qualities we are looking for in exchange students, including leadership, excellence in academic performance, and community involvement.



My trip to Ghana has changed my self-understanding and my world view more than I could have expected. International exchange is quite possibly the best thing people can do to gain a more realistic understanding of themselves and the world.

—Caroline McKay, 2000
Lucent Scholar,
Team Misson, Ghana



Financial Aid

AFS is committed to selecting highly qualified candidates, irrespective of the families' abilities to pay full tuition. Because of this, our financial aid is geared to those who could not otherwise have an AFS experience.

In order to qualify for financial aid from AFS, students must show:

- ✦ Financial need;
- ✦ Strong academic record (year and semester programs require a minimum 2.8 GPA);
- ✦ Involvement in service to the school or community; and
- ✦ Willingness to consider a variety of country placements.

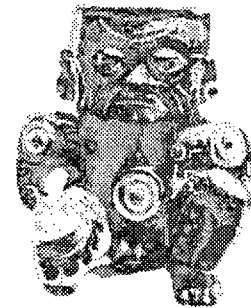
Experience Life Abroad with AFS

AFS programs abroad give students the opportunity to participate in the daily life of another country, become part of a family, learn a language, and create strong new friendships. Each program is designed to give students a real understanding of another country and culture.

Benefits of Living Abroad

AFS Intercultural Programs gives students the opportunity to:

- ✦ Experience another culture from the inside out;
- ✦ Increase maturity, independence, and self-confidence;
- ✦ Learn a new language, or improve language skills;
- ✦ Gain a competitive advantage in college admissions;
- ✦ Meet new people and form lasting friendships; and
- ✦ Become part of the global community.



A Program for Everyone

AFS offers programs in 44 countries. Students can choose from year, semester, or summer study programs, and programs involving community service, the environment, arts/culture, or language study.

All AFS programs include a homestay—the hallmark of AFS—which gives students the opportunity to live with carefully selected host families. As members of families and communities, students get a deeper understanding of what it means to live in a different country and culture. The length of the homestay varies with the particular program.



For More Information

For information on scholarships and financial aid, please call the AFS Regional Service Center nearest you at **1-800-876-2377**.

For more information on AFS programs, please call the AFS Info Center at **1-800-AFS-INFO** or visit our web site at **www.afs.org/usa**.

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AFS Interest Sheet

Please list those students who would like more information on AFS Programs Abroad.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Teacher: _____ High School Name: _____
High School Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Position: _____ Phone: (____) _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of Student: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Grad Date: _____ G.P.A.: _____

Name of Student: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Grad Date: _____ G.P.A.: _____

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Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Grad Date: _____ G.P.A.: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

AFS Info Center
310 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 630
Portland, OR 97204

Or fax to: (503) 241-1653
Phone: 1-800-AFS-INFO

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AFS GLOBAL EDUCATORS PROGRAMS IN 2001



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"The trip to China for AFS was one of the high points of my teaching career...I knew a great deal about the country, its history, and its culture before I went. However, nothing compares to experiencing the country firsthand. It was a privilege to teach Chinese students and to work alongside the teachers."

—Starr DiCiurcio, Intensive Educators Program to China, 1999

"Our teacher enriched our family and school children's lives in so many indescribable ways. With her insatiable curiosity and giving nature, she quickly became a most endeared friend and will always remain so."

—Sally Newman, host to a visiting teacher, New York 1988-89



Opportunities to:

- **Host a Visiting Teacher at Your School**
- **Host a Visiting Teacher in Your Home**
- **Go Abroad for a Month or a Semester**

Through Global Educators Programs, AFS makes it possible for educators around the world to take their careers to the next level. AFS understands the role teachers play in shaping the perspective of coming generations and is excited to provide opportunities for their personal development and enrichment. And, by teaching about their own cultures, visiting teachers bring so much to the communities, schools, and families. Since 1972, more than 1,000 families, schools, and communities throughout the United States have expanded their world by hosting a visiting teacher through the Visiting Teacher Program or by going abroad on an Educators Program. Global Educators Programs are the ideal complement to AFS's core programs of international student exchange.

AFS

With more than 50 years of experience, AFS (formerly the American Field Service) has long been recognized as a leader in intercultural education and high school student exchange. Each year, more than 10,000 students from 55 countries participate in AFS programs around the world. Through its global network of volunteers and staff, AFS fulfills its mission of working towards a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities.

The goals of AFS Global Educators Programs are to:

- **Provide educators with intercultural experiences that will affect the way they teach and learn throughout their careers;**
- **Change the lives of young people as they learn about other countries and cultures in meaningful and memorable ways, outside of textbooks and traditional instructional materials;**
- **Increase global awareness and enhance intercultural understanding in schools and communities by offering insight and understanding into other cultures and ways of life through personal relationships.**

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*Nominate Your
Outstanding Students
for the*



*Awards
for Excellence
Scholarships*

**Nomination Deadline
December 15, 2000**

Leading International Student Exchange for More than 50 Years

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Awards for Excellence Nomination Form

I, _____ (name of nominator) *nominate*

_____ (name of student) *to be*

considered for an AFS Awards for Excellence Scholarship for a program departing in the summer of 2001 or winter of 2002.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

High School Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Fax: () _____

E-mail: _____

Principal's Name (if different): _____

Signature of Nominator: _____ Date: _____

I am a:

☐ Teacher of _____

☐ Honor Society Advisor

☐ Principal

☐ Guidance Counselor

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grad. Date: _____ G.P.A.: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

☐ **Nominee has already submitted a pre-application or an application to AFS.**

RETURN THIS FORM TO:

AFS Info Center
310 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 630
Portland, OR 97204

Or fax to: (503) 241-1653

Phone: 1-800-AFS-INFO

Nomination forms can also be found at
www.awardsforexcellence.com.

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¿Hablas Español?

¡Sí!

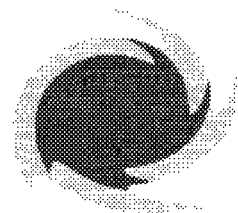
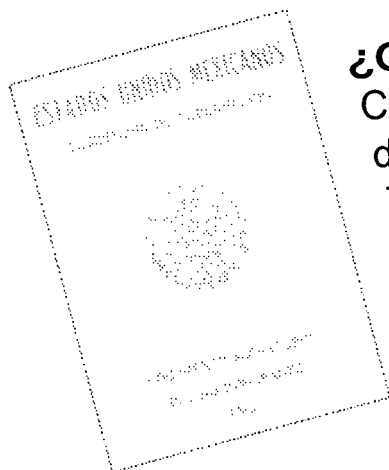
There's no better way to learn Spanish than to speak it! Take off for the adventure of a lifetime—live abroad for a year, semester, or summer in a Spanish-speaking country. Explore the world, make new friends, and immerse yourself in a new culture while living with a host family.



¿Quieres más información?

Check out our Programs Abroad catalog for programs departing this summer to Spanish-speaking countries.

To get this full-color catalog and learn about scholarships to these countries, call our Information Center (7 days a week) at 1-800-AFS-INFO or check out our web site at www.afs.org/usa.



Argentina
Venezuela
Costa Rica
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Worth Taking!***

AFS
2001-2002



Host with

Leading International Student Exchange for More than 50 Years



Whether you're in your 20s or 70s, have kids or not, are single or share responsibilities with someone—you have the perfect family for **AFS**.

An **AFS** exchange student will fit right into your family.

Learn more about hosting an **AFS** international exchange student by calling **1-800-AFS-INFO** for a free brochure, or visit our website at **www.afs.org/usa**



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THE AFS MISSION

AFS is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to intercultural educational exchange. Our mission: "AFS-USA works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership."

The AFS History

Responding to the humanitarian crises of World Wars I and II, more than 2,500 young Americans joined together to drive ambulances on the front lines of battle. They called their corps the American Field Service. Following WW II, AFS drivers resolved to find a way to build understanding between nations by educating enlightened world leaders through international student exchanges. 1947 saw the first AFS high school exchange, between the U.S. and ten countries touched by war.

Today, AFS is the most experienced student exchange organization in the world, with more than 50 years of service and 270,000 AFS alumni. 100,000 U.S. and international volunteers support AFS programs, making it one of the largest volunteer organizations.

AFS Programs

AFS-USA is the largest member of a partnership of 55 countries. AFS exchanges nearly 10,000 participants worldwide each year, with the U.S. accounting for forty percent.

More than 2,500 U.S. families host international students through AFS-USA each year. Families who want an international experience without leaving home benefit from opening their hearts and their homes to remarkable young people from around the world.

AFS also sends approximately 1,600 U.S. students abroad each year. With 128 programs in 44 countries, AFS offers the widest variety of intercultural experiences to meet the needs of today's young adults, ages 15 to 24. Programs include semester and year high school exchange and university programs, community service, and summer homestays.

AFS/School Partnership for Intercultural Learning

Schools are key partners in AFS programs. They welcome international students into their schools and their communities, and in turn, they and their students benefit from the global perspective these young ambassadors share.

For more than fifty years, AFS has worked closely with schools to create rewarding intercultural educational experiences for students, host families, and communities. By providing twenty-four hour support services to our students, natural and host families, and schools, we work to ensure the best possible experience for everyone.



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