

Global Citizenship

“...everyone in the world is in a really big community, the only difference is that we’re in different neighborhoods. The term to me describes unity, individuality, and equality. ...We belong to a communi-ty divide by water and mountains, not by ideas or even the color of our skin. We are accepted as part of a family that is made up of all the people of the world, not all the people in our country.”

-Alea Hale

(State’s 4-H host sibling and 2014 States’ 4-H outbound delegate from Alaska)

“To succeed in the 21st Century workplace students must develop knowledge and understanding of other countries, cultures, languages, and perspectives.”

- U.S. Department of Education’s International Strategy 2012-16



ABOUT STATES’ 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through 4-H cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth. Since 1972, more than 60,000 youth in 31 countries on six continents have participated in the States’ 4-H International Exchange. The 4-H National Headquarters at the US Department of Agriculture/NIFA has authorized States’ 4-H to use the 4-H name and emblem. States’ 4-H is designated by the US Department of State as a sponsor of J-1 Secondary Student exchange programs and is granted full listing by the Council for Standards on International Educational Travel (CSIET).

Current 4-H Member Institutions

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| University of Alaska | New Mexico State University |
| University of Arizona | North Carolina State University |
| Colorado State University | Ohio State University |
| Cornell University (NY) | Oklahoma State University |
| University of Florida | Oregon State University |
| University of Idaho | Rutgers University (NJ) |
| University of Illinois | South Dakota State University |
| Kansas State University | Texas A&M University |
| University of Kentucky | Tuskegee University (AL) |
| University of Maryland | Virginia Tech University |
| Michigan State University | Washington State University |
| University of Missouri | West Virginia University |
| Montana State University | University of Wisconsin |

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State’s 4-H International Exchange Programs

Enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through 4-H cultural immersion and exchange programs since 1972.

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Inbound Program

Being a host family is an experience that will last a lifetime. The States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Inbound Program brings nearly 700 young people from around the globe to homes across America every summer. As members of American families, exchange participants experience the American way of life and share their own culture in a variety of ways. This experience will allow your family the opportunity to expand their global perspective, while opening a brand-new world to a young person from overseas. You and your family can join in this unique adventure by hosting this summer. All it takes is a warm heart, an open house, and a passion for international experiences.



4 Week Programs

**COSTA RICA • JAPAN
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KOREA • TAIWAN**

**Some programs may not be offered every year*

FOR STATES' 4-H HOST FAMILIES

When you host through States' 4-H, you partner with one of the largest youth-serving organizations in America. 4-H is built on a model of positive youth development. We see hosting as an educational opportunity not just for the delegate, but for the host family, and entire host community.

NYS Involvement

New York State 4-H has a long standing relationship with States' 4-H International Exchange.

Currently the program is overseen by the State 4-H Office. The State 4-H office works with counties to recruit and screen families to host a Japanese delegate for a period of 4 weeks during the summer, usually from Mid July thru Mid August. Every year New York requests a certain number of delegates to host and works to find Host families for those delegates within the 4-H population. Families may participate in any number of 4-H programs at any level to be eligible to host a delegate. Delegates range in age from 12-18 (most are 12-14) and do not speak much English. Traveling and staying with an American family is about the full immersion of the delegate into American Culture. Therefore, the Host family must have a child of the same age and gender as the arriving delegate.

Application Process

Whether planning to host or apply to go abroad, all 4-H families must fill out and complete an application process. The process includes an online application, background screening, reference checks and in-home interview. Please visit www.states4hexchange.org to begin the application process. You may also contact Andy Turner (ast4@cornell.edu) State Coordinator or Autumn Lavine (aml84@cornell.edu) Local Coordinator for more information.



Outbound Program

Spend time abroad and immerse yourself in another culture! American youth delegates live with a local family and find themselves part of a world tourists never get to see, sharing everyday life with relatives and friends from the community. All summer programs include a States' 4-H chaperone for the duration of the program, short-term medical insurance, and overnight national departure orientation. The annual application deadline for Outbound Programs is typically in late Fall.

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8 Week Program

- 4 weeks of Japanese language and culture courses prior to starting the month-long program
- Cultural excursions around Tokyo

