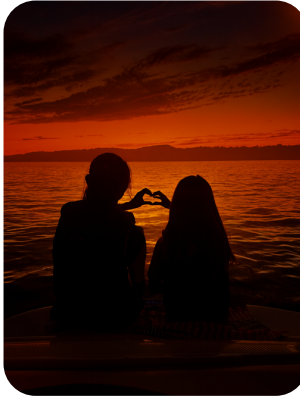




SUMMER HOSTING PROGRAM

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.



APPLICATION PROCESS

All families must complete an online application. The process includes the online application, a background screening, reference checks, and an in-home interview.



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TENNESSEE 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



WHY TAKE PART?

Young people who participate in international exchange opportunities:

- Make real connections with young people from around the world.
- Build confidence, independence, and leadership skills.
- See how culture shapes daily life, values, and traditions.
- Strengthen communication skills, including foreign language practice.
- Grow as a global citizen and bring new ideas back to their community
- Rediscover their own family, community, and lifestyle through new eyes and from a fresh perspective



SHARE YOUR WORLD

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Who can be hosted? Youth delegates from Japan, ages 12–17, as well as an adult chaperone.

Do I need children at home? To host a youth delegate, you must have a child living in your home of the same gender and a similar age. Families without children at home may host an adult chaperone.

Will they speak English? All students study English in school. While speaking skills may be limited, students are eager to communicate and improve.

What is expected of host families? Exchange students become part of your family and take part in everyday activities and routines.

How long is the stay? Approximately 3½–4 weeks.

When will they arrive? Delegates arrive in late July and depart in mid-August.

Can the student attend school? School policy varies from county to county. Approval should be discussed with your school principal prior to the delegate's arrival.

What are the costs? Host families provide lodging, meals, local transportation, and any optional cultural activity fees.



"HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TURNS
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UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE."