

Youth For Understanding USA American Overseas Programs High School Study Abroad

Embark on a Journey of Discovery

Get ready to embark on a journey of discovery. A Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) study abroad program is an experience that will immerse you in the lives, cultures, and communities of a real family in one of 40 countries around the globe. An adventure where you'll learn—in a year, semester or a summer—what life is like for teens in another part of the world. An experience that will change you and your view of our planet forever.

A YFU exchange program is the learning adventure of a lifetime. YFU is a home stay experience where you live with a carefully selected host family who has agreed to open their home and their hearts to you—providing room, board and a caring home. You'll gain a global family, make new friends and even attend a new school on academic programs. Have a journey you could never have imagined at home, and you'll discover that the YFU experience is a powerful engine for personal growth.

Program Options

Year or Semester

YFU academic year or semester programs are the best way to absorb a new culture and learn a language through complete immersion.

Gap Year Abroad

For recent high school graduates, YFU offers a gap year program. You will still live with a supportive host family and attend a local high school on most of these programs. For some Gap year options include university study and/or volunteering

Summer

YFU summer programs offer you the opportunity to learn the culture like no tourist could.



YFU Delivers a Great Learning Adventure

YFU is a worldwide network equipped to deliver opportunities for global learning and support you fully throughout your study abroad program. This sophisticated, worldwide network represents more than fifty years of expertise. YFU programs prepare and support you and your family every step of the way:

- Experienced Admissions Counselors help you select the program that is right for you and answer all your questions before your adventure begins.
- Professional orientation programs and materials prepare you for your journey and guide you throughout your exchange experience.
- Round-trip domestic and international travel as well as transportation to your host family from YFU designated airports are included in the tuition.
- Airport assistance staff at international gateways aid students if needed.
- Placement with a carefully screened host family.
- Enrollment in school for year or semester programs.
- Local and regional trips as well as educational activities (where noted).
- Support for students and families.
- 24-hour worldwide emergency assistance.

Eligibility Requirements

- To participate in most YFU programs you need to be age 15 to 18 (or up to 22 for some Gap Year Abroad programs). Please see the website for specific date of birth requirements unique to certain programs.
- For year and semester programs, a "B" (3.0) grade point average (GPA), on a 4.0 scale, or better is required. For summer programs, a "C" (2.0) GPA or better is required. Most scholarships require a "B" 3.0 GPA.
- You also need to be in good physical and emotional health.

If you have a serious desire to participate on a YFU study abroad program but do not meet some of these eligibility requirements please call your Admissions Counselor so that they may explore your options with you and find the right program for you.

How Will the YFU Experience Change You?

The YFU experience has a powerful, life-changing impact on every student who undertakes it. Here's what to expect after living and learning in a global environment:

- You'll develop a global perspective and be ready to meet the challenges of the future, as a young person and as a leader.
- You'll learn how to interact with people from different backgrounds and cultures by sharing their lives.
- You'll gain proficiency in a new language.
- You'll enjoy preferred college admissions and scholarships to participating universities across the United States.
- You'll enhance your global career opportunities.
- You'll forge lifelong friendships.
- You'll discover more about yourself than you ever imagined.

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