

How Your Students Will Benefit From a Youth For Understanding Exchange Program

Help your students Experience the Learning Adventure of a Lifetime.

Youth For Understanding USA (YFU) prepares young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world. Educators, employers, parents and alumni all agree that the benefits of international exchange reach far beyond the year, semester or summer that a student spends abroad. YFU students return as young adults who are more independent, competent, confident, and possess a deeper understanding of their own family and country. They also discover that the YFU experience opens doors for many years to come, greatly enhancing educational and professional opportunities.

It's an Education.

With college applicants at an all time high, it is becoming increasingly difficult for even the best students to stand out when applying to schools. The YFU exchange experience will offer them a clear advantage. YFU students gain a global perspective that makes them ideal candidates in an ever growing, challenging and diverse academic community.

YFU alumni are preferred in admissions in more than 150 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The very best and most effective way to achieve fluency in another language is by total immersion in its culture. Students vastly improve their language competency and many earn advanced language placement in college. YFU year and semester students have the added benefit of attending secondary school in their host country. Students find that their overseas courses help them develop effective learning habits, and prepare them for more intensive future college studies.

“Over the years I have found that students who have returned from a significant international experience tend to have a broader outlook on the world and other cultures. They are usually risk-takers in the classroom and more engaged in the campus community. International experience seems to lead to very positive personal growth.” -David Borus, Director of Admissions, Vassar College



It's a Future.

It is a fact that in today's competitive job market fluency in another language coupled with the ability to comprehend another culture gives the YFU exchange student a tremendous advantage when choosing a career. Business and industry require workers with international

knowledge and skills, who speak languages and understand the cultures of the countries with which they do business. When employers select a YFU alumnus, they know they are making a solid investment in a person who is flexible and shows an elevated level of maturity, superior problem solving skills, and an intuitive understanding of another country and its people. YFU students pursue careers in international trade, law, business, Academia, and many other disciplines.

“Some students will be corporate chief executive officers, or government officials, while others will choose different leadership roles and lives. Regardless of the path they take, students will benefit from exposure to international education.”

-Doug Daft,
Chairman and CEO
Coca Cola Company



**Change Your Life,
Change Your World!**

The Learning Adventure of a Lifetime



It's a Sense of Direction.

Although a YFU learning adventure might only last a summer, a semester or a full school year, each YFU student's life is changed forever. Parents of YFU students say their teenager has returned from the exchange

experience with greater confidence and maturity. YFU students develop an increased ability to assess unfamiliar situations and respond appropriately.

Parents speak of the personal growth and development they have observed in their son or daughter following their

study abroad, and they find great satisfaction in the positive impact the YFU experience has had on their child's life. Also, through a YFU exchange, students become more adaptable and learn how to form lifelong friendships more easily. YFU students repeatedly state that the exchange experience provided them with a stronger sense of direction and self.

"The experience was once in a lifetime. The memories will last forever, and so many different opportunities will come out of this. My journey has only just begun!"

*-Chris,
Summer, Finland*

It's Peace of Mind.

YFU is a non-profit international educational organization and is one of the world's oldest, largest and most respected student exchange organizations. Established in 1951, YFU has successfully exchanged more than 225,000 students worldwide.

With YFU, each student is placed with a carefully selected host family. Each host family volunteers to welcome the student into their home as a member of the family, providing room, board and plenty of support. YFU also has a

wide network of professional staff and several thousand well-trained volunteers throughout the world who are there to help each YFU student every step of the way. These are some of the many reasons why more than 4,000 parents trust us with their teenagers each year.

"As a parent it was such a great feeling to not have a glitch on any part of the journey or the stay. The family selected who so graciously volunteered their home was wonderful. I never had to worry about her safety or her well-being."



Scholarships are available for qualified students! For more information, or to inquire about having a YFU presentation at your school, please visit us on the web at www.yfu-usa.org or call us at 1.800.TEENAGE.



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