



Do You Want to Make a Difference in the World?

If you enjoy working with young people and families and want to make a difference in your community, volunteer with Youth For Understanding USA (YFU), a student exchange organization.

As a YFU volunteer you'll get to know teenagers who are adventurous, eager to learn and want to make a difference in the future. You'll meet interesting people and enhance your relationships with others in your community and workplace.

And while you'll provide support and guidance to students and families, you'll also learn more about yourself. Most of all, you'll be making a significant contribution to improving cultural awareness and international understanding in your local community and schools—changing your world one family at a time.



HOW YOU CAN BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Youth For Understanding volunteers are vital to the success of YFU programs around the world. If you are interested in joining our global family of volunteers today:

1. Call Toll-Free 1-866-4-YFU-USA (1-866-493-8872) to speak to a YFU representative immediately; or
2. Complete an application online at www.yfu-usa.org.

Once your application has been received, a local volunteer or staff person will contact you to discuss your interests and arrange an interview. In addition, all volunteers undergo reference checks and a criminal background check because of the work they will do with teenagers.

Find us on popular websites such as VolunteerMatch, Idealist, Facebook, MySpace and YouTube.

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Share Your Time, Change Your World! Volunteer with YFU.

Enrich Yourself and Others by Volunteering with YFU



Youth For Understanding (YFU) prepares young people for their responsibilities and opportunities in a changing, interdependent world. As a YFU volunteer, you'll provide essential support to students, families, and other volunteers in a wide variety of ways. Whatever your skills and interests are, there is a volunteer opportunity to match them!



WHAT IS YFU?

Through YFU student exchange programs, young people from around the world live with a host family in another country, immerse themselves in the local culture, and build friendships that bring countries together. As these young people discover new worlds and make lasting friendships, they not only learn about another culture and a new language, they also gain perspective on the world and develop a stronger sense of self.

- With more than 50 years of success in international student exchange, YFU has built a reputation for maintaining the highest quality programs in the field—just ask one of the 235,000 YFU alumni around the world.
- YFU is a strong and vibrant volunteer based organization, with one of the largest international exchange scholarship programs in the world.
- Each year, more than 4,000 students and families participate in programs around the world, with YFU USA receiving more than 2,000 international students and sending over 500 American students abroad.



"I continued to host and started to volunteer because I really enjoy working with the students, and I especially enjoy watching them mature into wonderful young adults."

—Linda Ousnamer, Colorado

VOLUNTEERING WITH YFU HAS GREAT BENEFITS

- Direct impact on the lives of teenagers, from the US and over 60 other countries
- Exposure to foreign cultures and an opportunity to share your own culture
- New friendships with fellow YFU volunteers and staff
- Broadened awareness of yourself, your community, the US and the world
- Enhanced training in areas such as leadership, listening skills, marketing and conflict resolution

YFU IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO

- Want to learn more about the world
- Enjoy helping teenagers and families
- Values making friends with like-minded people
- Excel in problem resolution situations
- Want to promote increased intercultural understanding

VOLUNTEERING WITH YFU IS FLEXIBLE AND ENGAGING

Whether you are a returned exchange student, a parent, a retired person, or a college student—we welcome people of all backgrounds to work with us. As a YFU volunteer you can choose from a variety of positions to suit your interests, needs and schedule. The hours and locations are flexible, and you can volunteer without ever leaving your home!

YFU also gives you the freedom to promote programs in creative ways in your own community. Work with a team, individually, or with a friend or family member. In addition, YFU provides all the training and tools you need. Ongoing formal and informal training opportunities are always available from flexible online, self-guided modules to in-person one-on-one and group formats.

YFU relies on the skills of volunteers to perform a wide range of tasks:

- Support students, families and schools
- Identify potential American students to study abroad and families to host international students
- Interview prospective students and host families
- Plan and conduct orientations for students and families
- Share information with the community about YFU programs and opportunities
- Perform administrative activities that help YFU provide more effective services to volunteers, students, and families