



Share Your Home, Change the World

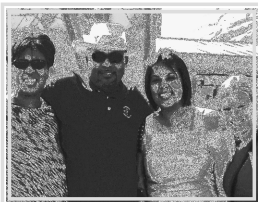
Host a YFU Exchange Student



Hosting a YFU Exchange Student Fits Your Lifestyle

Hosting is about sharing your version of the American lifestyle with a new son or daughter. As a host family, you'll give your student a caring, supportive and warm family life. Successful host families should:

- Be interested in teenagers and international students and have realistic expectations of what life with a teenager is like.
- Be an inclusive family unit.
- Be able to provide for an additional member of the family, including a separate bed, suitable study area, and three meals per day. Families of moderate means can afford to host a student.
- Be prepared to help your exchange student join in school and community events.



Your Family Can Be a YFU Host Family

can be a host family whether you have children or not. If your family is open to new experiences, and willing to share your lives with and provide guidance to a fascinating teenager from a foreign land, then your family will be a great YFU host family!

Host families have many different faces, and are all part of the American experience. You

Five Great Reasons to Host a YFU Student

1. Experience a new and exciting family dynamic.

Parents with an only child may want to provide the experience of a sibling relationship for their son or daughter. Families with young children may want to provide an older sibling and role model. Having a big sister or brother from another culture brings home the world to American children!

2. Give your family a new perspective.

By sharing various aspects of your own community life, you'll find that you see your community and surroundings through different eyes.

Even a simple trip to the grocery store may be filled with wonder for your new exchange student.

3. Connect your family to the world.

Hosting broadens your family's view of the world without leaving home. Hosting creates an experience that is likely to make your children more tolerant and understanding of other cultures and peoples. It will encourage them to explore new ideas and recognize similarities and differences between our culture and others.

4. Change forever how your family thinks about the world.

Create lifelong memories and connections between your family and your YFU son or daughter.

5. Change the world.

Relationships and experiences gained through the exchange process create feelings of global unity and friendship that will help promote peace and understanding for future generations.



YFU Helps You Change the World

YFU is proudly celebrating its 60th year. Since 1951, YFU has been a leader in youth exchange programs in more than 60 countries. Each year more than 4,200 students participate. Through the exchange experience, YFU students gain skills and perspectives that help them meet the challenges and opportunities of our fast-changing global community.

All YFU Students:

- Bring their own spending money
- Attend your local high school
- Have medical coverage
- Speak English



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