



YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING
Intercultural Exchange Programs



Host an Education Select F-1 High School Student!

YFU is now welcoming F-1 students through our Education Select Program. Share our American customs and your family's unique traditions while discovering a new culture right in your home as a YFU host family. With Education Select:

- Students can choose their school or destination
- Study for up to 4 years in high school
- Be eligible to earn a high school diploma

YFU is committed to providing a positive, nurturing homestay environment for all of our students. Successful YFU host families:

- Set realistic expectations of life with a teenager
- Offer an emotionally supportive environment
- Provide a bed, study area and three meals per day
- Encourage community and school activity participation
- Take interest in sharing family and cultural traditions while learning about those from the student's homeland



FIVE GREAT REASONS TO HOST

- 1. Experience a new and exciting family dynamic.** You'll start a lifelong relationship with your new son or daughter, that won't end when the exchange does. Members of your family will feel closer to each other through sharing your daily lives with a YFU student. If you have children, they'll gain a broader perspective on the world and a sense of global unity, learning more about geography, communication and international cultures. Your family can experience new culture and a sense of adventure. Most of all, you'll all have a lot of fun!
- 2. See your community through fresh eyes.** When you share your community with a YFU student, you'll find yourself exploring your local surroundings through different eyes. Even a simple trip to the grocery store may become a favorite memory as you experience grocery shopping with your new exchange student.
- 3. YFU welcomes all types of families.** Host families have many different faces and backgrounds. It doesn't matter if you have children or not, whether you're single, an empty nester or are a same sex couple; anyone can be a host family, so long as you're open to new experiences and ready to provide guidance, love and support to a student looking to further themselves.
- 4. Earn extra income while creating a new opportunity for a young person.** Families who host YFU students in our Education Select F-1 High School program are eligible to receive compensation. Host families are often a better financial option for parents of F-1 students than dormitories, and natural parents can take comfort in knowing their child will be part of a caring, committed family. Earning a monthly stipend can go a long way to assist with the extra costs of welcoming a new son or daughter into your home.
- 5. A commitment to intercultural understanding.** In today's world, the principles of youth exchange hold as much relevance as ever. At YFU, we believe that it is within local communities that we will make a global impact and a more peaceful world. By hosting each others' children, we come to understand that our similarities are greater than our differences. YFU has remained a trusted leader of intercultural exchange programs for more than 60 years because of our commitment to safety, reputation for quality, and exceptional support services.



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