

Thinking About Welcoming an AFS Exchange Student?

Milwaukee County, WI– Now's the time! Sharing daily life with a teenager from another country and culture is a rich and rewarding experience, and it's a wonderful way to bring more understanding into the world. If you've ever thought about welcoming an exchange student into your home and family, now's the time to learn more. AFS, the first and leading international high school student exchange program, needs families in our community to host high school students for an academic year or six months. Students arrive in August.

All kinds of families can host—One of the most important characteristics of a host family is being eager and excited to share your life and activities while providing the same kind of care, support, and comfort as you would to your own child or family members.

AFS students come from more than 60 countries and represent many different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Interested in learning more about the Muslim culture? Want to learn more about Iceland? Think that a German student would be comfortable in your home? Students from these countries and more will be arriving in August. Local volunteers support students and their families to help both gain the most from their experience.

To join the fun, anyone interested in learning more about hosting or volunteering with AFS should visit www.afsusa.org or call 1-800-876-2377.

Locally, please contact Julie Severson (414) 614-0595

About AFS

AFS is a worldwide, nonprofit organization that has been leading international high school student exchanges for more than 60 years. Each year, AFS-USA sends more than 1,400 US students abroad, provides approximately \$3 million in scholarships and financial aid, and welcomes 2,500 international high school students who come to study in US high schools and live with host families. More than 6,000 volunteers in the US make the work of AFS possible. Our mission is to "Build Peace Through Knowledge, One Person at a Time."