



Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures

AFS-US

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AFS is an international study abroad immersion program geared towards high school students and gap-year graduates, who want to explore the world.



Why AFS?

There are so many high school study-abroad programs to choose from! AFS offers many types of programs for high school students and graduates who wish to study abroad, for semester, year or summer programming.

With over 65 years of experience, none of those programs compare to the knowledge about travel, service, reputation and safety record of AFS-US. Internationally, they have a support staff of over 35,000 volunteers including host families, school speakers, student liaisons and more. Formerly known as US Field Service, a 502c(3) non-profit organization, AFS goes through an annual audit process with the Council on Standards for International Travel (CSIT), to stay current with safety procedures and visa requirements used to guide students and their families.

The process of searching for the right program can become quite overwhelming. AFS works directly with educators, parents and students. Participants can be assured they will find the best program, that will not only meet their expectations, but will also educate and excite while guiding them to their journey.

AFS has a global community of over 13,000 students studying abroad every year, which is one of the largest communities dedicated to overseas education and cultural experiences.

Host Families- How do we choose the families hosting our students? Every Host Family goes through a thorough interview and screening process, as well as a complete training program with AFS before hosting a student. Host families are not

paid for their service and are truly interested in the exchange program.

Liaisons – Your student will be assigned a personal liaison and is required a regular check-in while abroad. This liaison will be available for any necessary overseas support.

Support Staff – Parents are assigned a support staff person in the states while their child is overseas, and should feel free to contact their support person with questions.

Scholarships:

There are many Merit based scholarships available through AFS every year. All you need to do is figure out what program you're interested in and look into some of the options on the AFS website. Students should try to apply early, because the application-window on some scholarships closes earlier than others.

Scholarship by State:

Depending on the funds available in your state, county and region, the scholarship may have varying stipulations. Some may be by financial need only and the amount could vary, according to income.

Japan Scholarships:

Japan offers many types of scholarships, some full-year and others partial-year, both Merit and need based.

Be a Cultural Explorer:

If you meet certain AFS-US criteria, you could be eligible to win a \$3000 scholarship to one of these exciting countries –Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Latvia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Thailand or Turkey. Certain restrictions apply and can be found on the AFS website.

Check out Italy!:

You may be eligible for up to a \$2000 scholarship in Italy, a country so rich in culture, history...and don't forget the fabulous food!

Let's go to Latin America!

You could win a \$3000 spring study scholarship in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Panama or Paraguay!

AFS Program Finder

Want to get a head start on finding your perfect program? AFS has its very own “*Program Finder*” to help you in your own search. Based on your age and GPA, the *Finder* will guide you to all the AFS-US international programs, destinations, tuition pricing, deadlines and information relating to the program you’re interested in. The *Finder* will also give a brief description of the host family and school, daily life, how to prepare and who’s eligible for a particular program.

Summer Programs

What better way to spend a part or even your entire summer, than to learn about a different culture, pick up a language and even get involved in community service? AFS Global Prep has just the program in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America. Get ready for the experience of a lifetime!

Vive France ... nous allons explorer!

Fun Fact:

Did you know Paris was one of the first cities in Europe to adopt gas lighting? Ahhh, Paris “*La Ville Lumière*”... otherwise known as the *City of Light*. Whether you live with a host family in Paris, a small little town just outside the city or are placed in another part of the country, a summer in France is an amazing experience. France is often one of the favorite places to study in all of Europe. So much to see and do!



The Parisian Experience:

The Eiffel Tower. Mona Lisa at the Louvre. Notre Dame Cathedral. Walk through the Catacombs. Visit Versailles Palace. Are you energized? And this is just for starters! Oh and remember to eat!

How could you not? Paris is known for its bakeries (boulangerie), crepes, sidewalk cafes and cheese, rich cream sauces, chocolate eclairs and other delicious desserts. Is your mouth watering yet?

One of the AFS Summer Immersion Programs, located in the South of France, near Monaco is the Centre Meditteraneen D'Etudes Francaises (CMEF). Programs run between mid-June through the end of August and accommodates up to 500 teenagers per summer, with up to 170 at the height of the season. Geared towards students between 13-17 years, this summer program is encourages intercultural exchanges between teens from all over the world.

Courses offered are art, music and summer music academy, symphony & theater, and school trips. Some of the trips might be a cultural art and history trip to the French Riviera, Monaco, Cannes, Nice, museums, villages, sailing or a sports weekend.



French and Saturday excursions are mandatory, however, students are allowed to learn French at their own pace. They're also encouraged to engage in sports and other activities throughout the day and evening. All students experience boarding with students from other countries and are required to live by the rules of the school.

There is a well-qualified staff on-site 24 hours a day and they handle the organization of activities as well as any transfers for students to the airport or back to CMEF. They're also there for supervising the dormitories and work closely with teachers, team leaders, security and housekeeping.

TUITION AND FEES

Although the fees vary from year to year, they range from:

2- weeks - L1.680

3- weeks - L2.290

4- weeks - L2.870

*These fees include meals, Saturday excursions, cultural activities, language courses and afternoon sports.

No matter where you study in France, you'll not only be surrounded by history, and beauty, know you'll be learning and exploring in one of the most culturally rich countries, in all of Europe...Vive La France!