



BRING THE WORLD
TO YOUR COMMUNITY

A young man with dark hair and a slight smile is in the foreground. Behind him, the large stone faces of Mount Rushmore are visible against a clear blue sky. The scene is outdoors with natural lighting.

Become a Local Coordinator

Join our global network and support exchange students from more than 50 countries as a local coordinator, a vital role in cultural exchange programs.

Each year, the US Department of State sponsors international high school students who have earned scholarships to attend high school while living with an American host family for an academic year. With your help, American Councils brings these exceptional students to communities throughout the United States to experience everyday life, in every state.

Local coordinators help to place exchange students with volunteer host families, then serve as a link between the host family, local community, and American Councils throughout the academic year.

Represent your community, and ensure that every student's American experience is unforgettable.



Meet Your Host Students

Our students are exceptional. With an average acceptance rate of three percent, it's statistically harder to get into a US State Department youth exchange than most elite colleges and universities.

Students are selected based on their English language proficiency, academic performance, teacher recommendations, leadership qualities, maturity, and adaptability.

Before arriving in the US, cultural orientations help students set expectations and identify coping strategies to use throughout their time abroad.

While in the US, students make cultural presentations and participate in workshops and activities that build leadership skills and an understanding and appreciation of civic responsibility, diversity, and advocacy. They also have health insurance and a small monthly stipend for school and extracurricular activities.

About American Councils

A nonprofit partner to the US government, American Councils is proud to administer two large-scale US Department of State youth exchange programs. (We also run several exchange programs for American students to study abroad. Ask us for more info.) We have a core team dedicated to high school exchange students, volunteer host families, and school communities, so that every student, everywhere, has a successful year.



Enhance Your Community

Our local coordinators enjoy working with bright, young students from around the world and thrive as active members of their communities.

OUR LOCAL COORDINATORS

Identify and connect with local schools open to hosting international exchange students.

Recruit and screen potential host families in their communities.

Match students with prospective host families.

Lead group orientations for students and host families.

Support and counsel students and families throughout the year.

Manage student enrichment activities and propose volunteer opportunities.

THE BENEFITS

Enjoy a flexible schedule with incentive-based honorariums and tremendous personal rewards.

Bolster your resume in various fields from education to event planning.

Join US diplomacy efforts to foster mutual understanding across cultures.

Travel for annual training workshops in Washington, DC and nationwide.

Help students learn about America and the role they see for themselves at home and abroad.

Apply today by visiting: inbound.americancouncils.org



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