

Global Citizenship

Global & Cultural Education:

States' 4-H Exchange Program



Florida 4-H States' 4-H Coordinator

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Helping young people to explore and to appreciate what people around the world have in common and what makes them unique is critically important in society today. Florida 4-H offers a variety of opportunities for kids and adults to learn more about our global community through exchanges and hosting through *States' 4-H Exchange*, a non-profit organization that supports 22 4-H programs.

4-H is built on a model of positive youth development. We see hosting as an educational opportunity not just for the delegate, but also for the host family, and entire host community. States' 4-H programs focus on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others, and engaged citizenship. We recognize that opening your home to a teenager from a different country is a big change for most families, and we are here to support you every step of the way!

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Summer Inbound Exchange '19

Florida will host a minimum of Japanese 12 youth which will be 6 girls and 6 boys ages 12-17. Their English comprehension varies from child to child. An adult chaperone will accompany the group and will have a good command of English.

While with your family, Japanese youth are to become 'a member' and not a guest. If your children do chores, they do chores. They will bring cultural items to share, a family album and a dictionary! They are very polite and eager youth to learn all about the US and Florida.

If your child that is the match goes to a Day or Resident Camp, we can cover the Japanese youth up to \$250 for camps. A registration form will need to be completed in June.

We ask the County 4-H to sponsor at least one 4-H family's screening cost and the 4-H family to provide room and board during their stay. While attending the attractions is nice, it is not required.

Online application at www.states4hexchange.org select FLORIDA
Deadline May 1, 2019

Summer Outbound Exchange '19

Youth 12-17 years may participate in States' 4-H Exchange hosted trips abroad in Host Family stays. National groups from 5-10 youth with a chaperone will depart from DC or Seattle, WA in early July 2019. Countries available will be ***Japan, South Korean, Costa Rica and Finland.*** Chaperones are selected nation-wide from a rigorous selection process and screening. Chaperones will communicate with youth before meeting them at the departure city. A day of workshops will be held to meet the group.

All youth traveling outbound will be required to share their experience with their community upon their return.

Exchanges are to [Japan](#), [South Korea](#), [Costa Rica](#) and [Finland](#). Click on the country for the program flyer.

Registration and approval due November 1, 2019; selection by November 15; Deposit and Application sent to States' 4-H December.

Request the application packet from Deb Johnson, OB Coordinator

Academic Year Program (AYP) '19-'20 School Year

Youth 16-17 years from Japan, South Korea, Eastern Europe or Eurasia may come to Florida to complete one year of high school. Families provide room and board and support as a host. The youth will have funds and medical insurance for their stay. They arrive in late July and return in mid June. Currently the following counties are hosting AYP youth: Wakulla, Suwannee, and Desoto Counties.

Request the application packet from Georgene Bender, AYP Coordinator
Applications due May 1, 2019

States' 4-H Exchange Chaperone '19

Our Florida 4-H International Team will review and vet the applications to submit to States' 4-H. Some of the criteria is at least 25 years old and involved somehow now or in the past with 4-H.

The final dates may vary within 1-2 days. Chaperone's program fee is partially subsidized by S4-H and program fee paid by the delegates. Program costs include domestic and international airfare, in-country expenses, homestay, meals, medical and accident insurance during national orientation and in host country, some sightseeing trips, and camp if applicable. Personal expenses such as passport fees, personal spending money, and gifts for host family members are the responsibility of the individual. Cost is about \$1,600.

Selection and Recommendations due March 1, 2019

Contact: Shane Michael, States 4-H Coordinator

Resources

Links

- [**States' 4-H Exchange**](#)
- [**Florida 4-H States' 4-H Exchange \(Facebook\)**](#)
- [**National International 4-H Youth Exchange \(IFYE\)**](#)

Hosting Information

[Brown Family Testimonial](#)

[Japan Hosting Flier](#)

Curriculum

- 4-H Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World (4H1643)
- We Connect: A Global Youth Citizenship Curriculum (01501F)
- Windows on Asian Culture
- ¡Qué Rico! LaCultura Latino Cultural Arts Bilingual Group Activities for YouthK-8

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