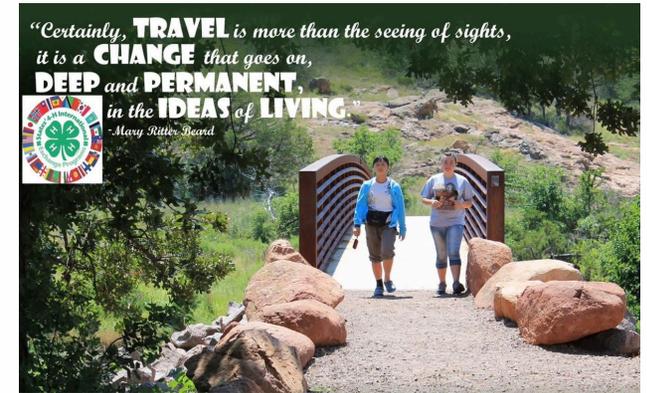




- They made a new family member.
 - It was really enriching.
 - We're thankful.
 - We watched our son grow.
- Having a guest challenged us to be more intentional.
 - an amazing experience
 - He fit right in.
 - watching the kids interact with our student
- We just really enjoyed everything he brought to us to learn.
 - We had a lot in common.

SHARE YOUR WORLD



OPEN YOUR HOME TO AN
EXCHANGE STUDENT AND
YOUR HEART TO THE
WORLD!

For questions, contact your
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Host Families
Needed

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HOSTING

- Taiwan: June 28-July 26, 2026
- Japan: July 21-August 16, 2026
- Japan Academic Year Program (AYP):
August 2026-June 2027

Requirements:

- Delegates range in age from 12-18 years old.
- You must have a child of the same gender who is within three years of the delegate's age. (ages 9+ eligible to host)
- Families without children of the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone or participate in the AYP.
- No special activities need to be planned. The delegates want to experience American culture, make new friends, and improve their English by staying with your family.
- Volunteer to participate in the program.
- You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host.

HOW TO APPLY TO HOST:

1. Visit the States' 4-H website found at <http://www.states4Hexchange.org/>
2. Complete a family application designating the host sibling and his/her personality traits.
3. Answer all the questions on the application, plus add references and double check that e-mail addresses are correct. Contact references to alert them of upcoming e-mail from noreply@states4h.org. Be sure to check junk/spam folder.
4. Be sure to upload photos of your family, including all family members and pets.
5. Once the information is submitted, the state coordinator will receive confirmation of the family application.
6. Coordinator will contact the family to schedule a family interview/home visit, in-person or via Zoom, with the entire family.
7. Family members 18 and older living in the household during the hosting period must either be a current Kansas registered volunteer or will need to submit a Criminal Background Check (CBC) through States' 4-H.
8. Once the application is submitted, a family home visit is completed, and CBCs are cleared, the family becomes eligible to host. Applying does not guarantee a delegate placement.
9. Delegates' personal information sheets are expected in February. Delegate placements are negotiated between the family and the State Coordinator.
10. After placement, the family will be notified when the delegate can be contacted. Postcards are best for first introductions followed by e-mail.
11. Host Families are required to participate in a Host Family Orientation conducted by the State Coordinator.
12. Delegates will complete an orientation at Rock Springs before going to their host families. Host families are responsible for picking up (or arranging travel) from Rock Springs to their homes. Additionally, at the end of the home stay, host families are responsible for returning (or arranging travel) the delegates to Rock Springs.

