

4-H SUMMER HOSTING PROGRAM

Being a host family is an experience that will last a lifetime. The States' 4-H International Exchange Summer Inbound Program brings nearly 700 young people from around the globe to homes across America every summer. As members of American families, exchange participants experience the American way of life and share their own culture in a variety of ways. This experience will allow your family the opportunity to expand their global perspective, while opening a brand-new world to a young person from overseas. You and your family can join in this unique adventure by hosting this summer. All it takes is a warm heart, an open house, and a passion for international experiences.

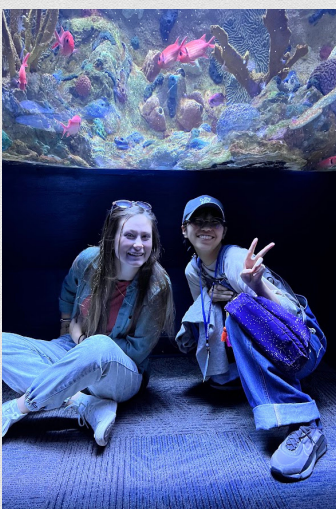


APPLICATION PROCESS

All 4-H families must fill out and complete an application process. The process includes an online application, background screening, reference checks and in-home interview. If you are interested in serving as a host family, contact your local 4-H agent to begin the process. You may also contact Jamie Harris (jharris@utk.edu) or Steve Sutton (ssutton2@utk.edu) for more information.

<https://4h.tennessee.edu/tennessee-4-h-international-exchange-program/>

TENNESSEE 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



WHY TAKE PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM?

Young people who participate in 4-H international travel opportunities:

- Develop an appreciation of the social, economic, political and cultural contributions of other countries.
- Better understand how culture influences values, beliefs and attitudes.
- Create future leaders who instinctively appreciate the value of international collaboration, understanding, and empathy.
- Expand the global citizenship component of your 4-H project.
- Practice foreign language, verbal and nonverbal communication skills.
- Share the international experience through presentations in their community.



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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

How old are the delegates? Between the ages of 12-17

I don't have children living at home, can I host? Yes, we also need a host for the adult chaperone.

Where will my visitor be from? Japan

What are the requirements for host families? To host a youth delegate, you must have a child living in your home who is the same gender and approximate age as the host youth.

Will they speak English? All students will have studied English in school, but their speaking abilities are very limited.

What are the expectations of the host family? They will become a member of your family and participate in your daily life.

How long will they stay? 3 1/2 - 4 weeks

When will they arrive? The Japanese delegates will arrive July 21, 2025 and depart August 16, 2025.

Will the exchange student be able to attend school with me? You will need to discuss with your school principal, but in most cases, the school is very open to having exchange students at their school.

How much will it cost? Lodging, meals, transportation, and any cultural excursion fees.