



THE AYA ADVANTAGE

for high schools

The Academic Year in America (AYA) Program of the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) Foundation provides an exciting opportunity to engage in cultural exchange. AYA broadens international horizons by bringing foreign students to the United States to live with American families and attend high school. Although there are other high school exchange organizations, we would like you to know why we believe schools should choose AYA.

Government Designation

Recognized by the United States Department of State as an official cultural exchange program, the Foundation issues the DS-2019 form to participating students. Since AYA provides the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa, schools are freed from overseeing the visa process.

CSIET Full Listing for 2020-2021

The Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET) annually reviews exchange programs. AYA consistently receives its highest approval ranking, full listing.



\$1,000 Grants Available

Grants are available to promote international education in your school. Schools hosting AYA students are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 Tony Cook Memorial grant awarded by the AIFS Foundation to fund a program or event promoting international education and awareness. The Foundation awards between 10 and 15 grants annually. Please contact AYA for an application.

Local Representation

Our program is coordinated by a well-trained Local Coordinator in your community who will seek your approval before placing any student in your school.

National 24/7 Support System

Our schools, host families and students are supported by professional staff in our Stamford, Connecticut national office. AYA offers a 24-hour support hotline 365 days a year and the expertise of over 35 years in intercultural educational exchange to help every step of the way.

Commitment to International Education

Our organization is committed to the educational component of student exchange, we attract students of high academic caliber and monitor students' academic progress during the school year.

English Language Ability

All of our students have studied English for at least three years.

Fully Insured

All AYA students are provided full medical insurance.

Register today to view student profiles!

Contact us for a Host Family brochure to learn more about hosting with Academic Year in America.

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