

2020 TAIWAN EXCHANGE

Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and immerse yourself in another culture!



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and 4-H in other countries? Stay with a host family in Taiwan and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You'll share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:

Dates:	June 28 — July 28, 2020
Capacity:	10 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
Cost:	\$2,200 + airfare estimate (\$1,300 - \$2,300) + \$50 travel agent fee
	(Airfare varies based upon applicant's location)



Delegates arrive in Taipei for a two-night arrival orientation led by Taiwan 4-H, which includes an introduction to Taiwanese culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. The program concludes with sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei along with a departure debriefing.

Program Fees Include:

- Overnight National Departure Orientation in U.S. gateway city
- Two-night arrival orientation in Taipei
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei
- In- Taiwan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- 4-H International Exchange Camp
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses

Program Timeline*:

December 1:	Application & \$1500 first deposit due to States' 4-H Office**
January:	States' 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance
February 1:	\$1,500 second deposit due to States' 4-H Office
Late-February:	States' 4-H issues air tickets
March 1:	Medical form & passport copy due to States' 4-H Office
Spring:	State orientations
April 15:	Third & final payment due to States' 4-H Office
Late Spring:	States' 4-H Group Conference Call for Taiwan delegates
June 28:	Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National Departure
	Orientation the day before the international flight.

*Some states may have an earlier timeline set in order to approve documents before they are forwarded to the National Office.

**First payment will not be deposited until applicant is accepted in January



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States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and **global citizenship**, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



"I had such an astonishing experience, one that surely will influence me for the rest of my life. I feel like I've grown as a person, and my perspective on the world has changed drastically."

-States' 4-H Outbound Alumna

Who can apply:

4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be between ages **12-18** from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

How to apply:

Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply and learn about your local deadlines and to access the application.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * Before January 31, 2020: \$300 cancellation fee. The remaining amount of first program deposit will be refunded
 - * January 31 February 15, 2020: Cancellation will equal 100% of first program deposit
 - * After February 15, 2020: No refund of paid deposits
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- No donor checks are accepted by the States' 4-H Office, donors must send checks directly to the delegate
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak Taiwanese?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

For more information:

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