2018 SOUTH KOREA EXCHANGE

Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and immerse yourself in another culture!

Dates: July 16 – August 14, 2018
Capacity: 20 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
Cost: $2,300 plus airfare + $50 travel agent fee
Current airfare estimate: $1,400-$2,500

Delegates arrive in Seoul for a two-night arrival orientation led by Korea 4-H, which includes an introduction to Korean culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their Korea 4-H host family and begin their homestay, delegates will have 2 host families during the program. Delegates also attend 4-H International Camp for 2-3 days where they will meet other foreign delegates and participate in cultural exchange activities. The program concludes with sightseeing in Seoul and a departure debriefing.

Program Fees Include:

• Overnight National Departure Orientation in U.S. gateway city
• Two-night arrival orientation in Seoul
• Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Seoul
• In-Korea 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 & $2,000 first payment due to States’ 4-H Office
January: States’ 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance
February 1: $1,500 second payment 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
July 16: 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 check will not be deposited until applicant is accepted. First and second payments pay for airfare and part of the program fee.

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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.

Cancellation & States’ 4-H Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
  * Before January 31, 2018: $300 cancellation fee. The remaining $1,700 of the first payment will be refunded.
  * After January 31, 2018: No refunds issued.
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued (airline credit may apply)
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply
- 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 Korean?
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.

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