

Sponsor an AFS Student

AFS is looking for families interested in being a Host Family for an AFS student for the upcoming school year, 2020 - 2021. With the current world situation with COVID-19, there is a possibility that our hosting experience could be slightly delayed this school year, but we want to proceed with planning for continuing our history of hosting an exchange student and are asking at this time for you to consider carrying on the Smithton School District 40 year tradition of hosting an exchange student. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact AFS Sponsor, Karen Lauer, at [660-343-5316, ext. 205](tel:660-343-5316) or e-mail at lauerk@smithton.k12.mo.us OR contact AFS Liaison, Linda Page, at 660-281-1932, or e-mail at lindapage774@gmail.com :)

Below is a bio sheet which shows 4 potential students that your family may consider hosting, as well as another sheet that shows a larger list of students that you may also consider hosting for this next school year. AFS-USA works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership.

Thank you for your consideration of opening your home to a student wishing to learn more about our beautiful, amazing country.

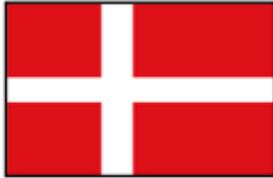
Karen Lauer

AFS Sponsor



Host an international exchange student

Bring a student like one of these into your home.



Meet Sille from Denmark

Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 15 years
Program length: Year

Happy and optimistic, Sille is a good student who is serious about her studies. She likes soccer and fitness in general, but mostly she enjoys club gymnastics, practicing 4-5 times per week. Her club competes on a national level and also travels to neighboring countries for international competitions. She enjoys water sports, especially stand-up paddle boarding. Watching movies or playing board games with family or friends are favorite activities. She babysits and does housecleaning to earn pocket money. Sille is eager to learn much more about American culture, family life, and traditions.

Service Ref : 19-00488



Meet Ahmed from Egypt

Gender: Male
Age (at arrival): 17 years
Program length: Year

Meet incredible Ahmed! He is a competitive swimmer and is very passionate about athletics, physical activities, and different cultures. Ahmed describes himself as a person who is organized, energetic, friendly, and positive. He really looks forward to meeting his host family and learning more about U.S. culture! Ahmed loves swimming and dedicates 14 hours a week to practice. In addition, he is involved with cross-fit, french language classes, and participates in his school's charity fair. Ahmed is excited to experience America's culture and customs with his host community and host family!

Service Ref : 19-00167



Meet Marion from France

Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 17 years
Program length: Year

Marion is an easy-going, independent student who is very trustworthy. Her friends and family also describe her as studious, adventurous and outgoing. She is very active and especially enjoys horseback riding. However, she also likes sports in general and being outdoors. Marion loves animals and one day hopes to become a vet. In her free time, she likes spending time catching up with her friends or exploring downtown. Family is also very important to her. She is excited to come to the United States to experience another culture, meet new people and be part of an amazing American family!

Service Ref : 19-01657



Meet Yurika from Japan

Gender: Female
Age (at arrival): 17
Program length: Year

Yurika's curiosity for the world was formed during the three years she spent in Brazil when she was in grade school. In international school she met people from all over the globe. She wants to get to know others and learn about cultures different from her own. An only child, she enjoys time with her parents. On weekends they go out to restaurants or just stay home and talk. Yurika practices Kyudo (Japanese archery) which is more about discipline and mental concentration than just hitting the target. She loves photography and likes taking pictures of animals, especially her beloved pet dog.

Service Ref : 19-01609

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In accordance with US Department of State Regulations, host families of J-1 exchange students must be fully screened and accepted before viewing actual student photos. To initiate the screening process, start our hosting application today.

Additional AFS Potential Students to Host for the 20-21 School Year

Ahmed/M/Egypt-Competitive swimming, tennis, cheerful, leadership, law/criminal justice interests, scholarship

Achiraya/F/Thailand-Artistic, creative, film making, photography, outgoing, cheerful, Anime, movies

Sills/F/Denmark-Cheerful, open to non-traditional family placements, sporty, gymnastics, exercise, games/cards, family oriented, movies

Aidina/F/Kyrgyzstan-Scholarship, reading, volunteering, family oriented, creative, has siblings, Muslim, academic

Marion/F/France-Animal lover, outdoorsy, outgoing, Christian, family oriented, board games, wants to become a vet, movies

Giulia/F/Italy-Skiing, swimming, independent, family oriented, quiet, science interests

Pimpisa/F/Thailand-No dogs, drawing, photography, reading, running, funny, clubs, Muslim

Yurika/F/Japan-Non-religious, photography, archery, dance, movies, family oriented, cheerful, animal lover

Sanela/F/Serbia-Scholarship, volunteering, theatre/acting/drama, volleyball, crafts, bicycling, after school clubs

Javotte/F/France-Open to all non-traditional family placements, piano, guitar, animal lover, fashion design, artistic, family oriented

Jeppe/M/Denmark-Animal lover, open to all nontraditional family placements, swimming, soccer, video games, AFS family

To see full descriptions of these students, or others available in your zip code, please go to: <https://www.afsusa.org/host-family/#afs-nav-meet-our-students>

If you can host one of these students, or know someone who would, please contact me.

Thank you,

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AFS was made for times like these!!!