



VOLUNTEER WITH CIEE

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Every year hundreds of high school students from around the world rely on generous volunteer host families to open their hearts and homes to provide them with an authentic American experience. Hosting a CIEE exchange student gives you the opportunity to serve as an ambassador for American life and culture, to learn new customs and perspectives, and build connections that cross borders and often last a lifetime.

Anyone can volunteer to be a CIEE host family; you can live in a rural farming community or an urban high rise; you can have children or not; you can be actively working or retired and looking to infuse your life with the energy of a teenager. Host families can host a student for as little as two weeks all the way up to a full academic year.

If you have an interest in giving your time to share your culture and learn something new, this might be one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences you've ever had!

WHY VOLUNTEER TO HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?



By bringing the world to your community, your family gets to experience another culture firsthand.



Catch the travel bug! After bringing the world into your home, you may be inspired to get out and explore it yourself.



Add an international member to your family. If you have kids, they'll get an older sibling-- a role model, mentor, and friend.



Most important of all, create memories that span the globe and last a lifetime.



Start learning French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, or another language. Having a native speaker in your home will make it easier and more fun.



Have fun! Learn new recipes, celebrate new holidays, and so much more.

For more information, visit ciee.org/host-families





**Being a volunteer host family for CIEE doesn't mean you will be on your own!
With CIEE, you will receive:**

A Local Coordinator (LC) who lives nearby and is ready to support you

Your LC will be there to provide supervision and support throughout your experience. LCS:

- Match your family to an international student based on personality traits, hobbies, and more.
- Conduct a host family orientation
- Introduce you to your international student
- Complete monthly supervision reports
- Be available to you or your international student to offer support whenever needed.

24/7 multilingual phone support from CIEE's dedicated support services

CIEE's highly trained and multilingual support staff is available 24/7 by phone in case of emergencies. Our support team will:

- Help resolve conflicts should any arise
- Assist with cultural adjustment issue
- Provide support in the event of an emergency

A smart, engaged, and excited student, ready to join the family

CIEE students are open and eager to join your family and participate in day to day activities. Our students:

- Come from over 70 countries
- Are ages 15-18
- Have 3 or more years of English language study
- Receive medical insurance through CIEE



"My granddaughter got married, and our first exchange student with CIEE from eight years ago was one of her bridesmaids. [Lisa] came in from Munich just for the wedding. She and [my granddaughter] Allison became best friends during her exchange year. Lisa is second from the left. This is why I love hosting. It is such a wonderful life long experience!" – Anita A.



CIEE is a nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization that transforms lives and builds bridges between individuals and nations by sponsoring a wide variety of opportunities for the exchange of ideas and experiences. CIEE helps people develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world, and contributes to a more peaceful global community by humanizing international relations.
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