

# 2012 WISCONSIN 4-H OUTBOUND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Exchanges to Argentina, Australia, Norway, Japan, Korea, and Mexico

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 1**

### What Should You Do Now?

- Read carefully all of the information on this flyer, be responsible for knowing and meeting deadlines.
- Discuss your interest in the country and program with your parents and family.
- Call your County Extension Office to discuss your interest with an Extension 4-H Agent/Educator.
- Visit with others who have been to the country or have had an international host family experience in another culture.

### HOW TO APPLY:

1. Fill out the application form **completely**. It must be signed by you, your parent/guardian and your county 4-H agent. **Please type or use black ink. Your complete application includes a:**
  - \_\_\_ Completed and signed application form;
  - \_\_\_ Photo with your name and state written on the back (email to [kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu) preferred);
  - \_\_\_ Essay;
  - \_\_\_ Letter of introduction for your host family;
  - \_\_\_ Outbound travel permission form, signed by parents;
  - \_\_\_ Completed agriculture Interests and Experiences form (Australia only);
  - \_\_\_ Letter of reference from your school (teacher, counselor, principal, etc.);
  - \_\_\_ Letter of reference from your community (4-H leader, civic leader, employer);
  - \_\_\_ Confidential Statement from your county 4-H Youth Development agent (submit your application to the county 4-H office at least a week before the due date to allow time for completing the form);
  - \_\_\_ Partial program fee of \$250 made payable to: **University of Wisconsin-Extension.**
2. Arrange an interview with a state International Programs Committee (IPC) member in your area (Contact State 4-H International Programs staff at 608-262-2491 or [kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu) for contact information of an IPC member near you.) Note the person's name on your application. They will send in written recommendations separately after meeting with you.
3. Give the two reference forms to non-family members to complete and return directly to the State 4-H International Programs office. One should be a reference from school and the other from the community.
4. Submit your completed application and fees to your county 4-H Youth Development agent at least one week prior to the due date. He/she will write a confidential recommendation and send it with the completed application to the State 4-H International Programs office for you.

**SELECTION:** State and national committees will meet in January and February to select delegates for each delegation. Note that although there is no cap on the size of the Japan delegation, many other countries can only accept a maximum of 12 or 20 delegates. You may be offered a second choice if your first choice is full. If you choose to withdraw your application if you are not offered your first choice, all deposits will be returned. All applicants will be notified of their status by late January.

If you are interested in being hosted by someone you know, list the name and address in the space provided on the application form and indicate how you know this family. Sponsoring organizations' staff in the host countries will make the final selection and assignment of host families.

**NOTE:** All selected delegates must submit a signed Medical Information Form by March 1; you should make a tentative appointment with your physician now since a penalty of \$100 will be charged for late medical forms. A photocopy of your passport will also be required. Applications for each program will be reviewed and applicants will be notified as soon as possible regarding selection.

**Return all forms by January 1 to  
4-H International Programs, 436 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703**

## 2012 Wisconsin 4-H International Outbound Responsibilities

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE (Tentative: will be updated as information is received)

First payments must be made by personal check, money order, or cashier's check payable to: **University of Wisconsin-Extension**. (Note: subsequent payment for all programs except Mexico & Korea payable to: **States' 4-H International Exchange Programs**.) All checks should include the delegate's full name and outbound country.

	Korea, Mexico	Argentina, Australia, Norway, Japan
<b>With application</b>	\$250 January 1	\$250 January 1
<b>Payment #2</b>	\$1500 by January 25	\$1500 by January 25
<b>Payment #3</b>	--	\$500 by February 25
<b>Balance due</b>	Balance due April 25	Balance by April 25
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>TENTATIVELY:</b> \$2,000* for Mexico; \$4,000* for Korea	<b>TENTATIVELY:</b> \$4,700-\$5,100* – Australia \$3,900-\$4,300* – Norway \$3,250-\$3,750 – Finland ( <i>offered in 2013</i> ) \$4,800-5,200* – Japan (8 week) \$3,800-4,200* - Argentina, Japan (4 week)

\*Costs are dependent on exchange rates and flight costs. Final costs are announced as soon as airfare is confirmed.

### CANCELLATION POLICY (Tentative: will be updated as information is received)

	Argentina, Australia, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Norway
<b>Cancellation refund:</b>	\$150 before Jan. 25. ( <i>Travel insurance is advised in case of emergency cancellation.</i> )
<b>No refund after:</b>	Each deadline beginning Jan. 25. Cancellations must be in writing.

Delegates are responsible for required medical examinations for insurance application purposes, inoculations as required by your physician, birth certificate (if you do not have an official copy), passport-type photos, passport, travel to and from your departure city, travel to and from orientations, small inexpensive gifts for host family members, all other personal items, and spending money. Wisconsin 4-H will not cover charges for overweight or additional luggage.

Wisconsin 4-H and Wisconsin IFYE, Inc. require each Wisconsin delegate to earn at least \$1000 or more of the total cost through fundraising. (This topic is covered at the in-state orientation the first weekend of March at Upham Woods.)

### DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

#### PHASE I Prior to travel:

1. Attend teleconference sessions and the mandatory Wisconsin 4-H Outbound Orientation in March.
2. Work with a county International Programs Committee (IPC) on fundraising and other designated international program activities. (All 4-H fundraising must be coordinated through your County Adult Leaders Organization.) Requirements, objectives and procedures will be provided upon selection in the program.
3. Delegates are responsible for obtaining their own passports and health check-ups, etc.

#### PHASE II During travel and while in your host country:

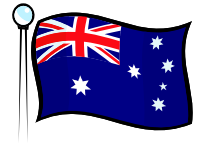
1. Follow the procedures and behavior outlined in the Participants Code of Conduct.
2. Prepare newsletters (1 or 2) on your experiences to send back to your state 4-H Office.
3. Observe, experience and learn about your chosen topic of study.

#### PHASE III After returning home:

1. Attend Wisconsin Re-Entry Workshop Saturday, August 27 (*central location to be announced later*).
2. Submit a brief report on your study topic to the state 4-H office by Sept. 1.
3. Submit a Fundraising Report to the state 4-H Office by October 31.
4. Submit Report Back forms to the state 4-H Office October 31, January 31, April 30 and July 31.
5. Delegates are required to share their international experience in/with their home communities, sponsors, County 4-H Leaders Board, schools, etc., through presentations and/or table displays, or other activities to share and express the impact of the program on them.
6. Optional: join Wisconsin IFYE, Inc. (a state organization of International 4-H Youth Exchange alumni); help at future teleconference or Orientation sessions; recruit other delegates; take part in other 4-H International events; and/or join your country's IPC group.

**Questions?** Call the University of Wisconsin Extension 4-H International Programs office at 608-262-2491 or 608-262-1557 or send an e-mail message to [kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu).

# 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Australia Exchange



**Who:** Must be currently enrolled and in good standing in 4-H and be between 16 – 19 years old at time of travel. Youth should be interested in farming and must be willing to experience rural and farm life in "the Land Down Under." Youth must also agree to do some serious preparation, such as studying country and culture, attending a weekend of orientation in the spring, and participating fully and wholeheartedly in the total planned experience.

**What:** The Wisconsin 4-H/Australia program allows delegates to learn about the Aussie way of life by actually living it. Delegates may form long-lasting friendships and may even pick-up a new way of speaking while living through an Australian winter. This program provides youth with an opportunity to understand the methods and challenges of production agriculture in Australia for a global market. Programming coordinated by Wisconsin 4-H in cooperation with *The States 4-H International Exchange Program (S4-HIEP)* and *The Australian Exchange Network* in Victoria, Australia.

**When:** The program lasts 4 weeks, from approximately June 20 to July 19, 2012.

**Where:** Delegates will be placed with one host family (a host sibling is not guaranteed) living in a rural area or on a farm in Victoria for 3 weeks. They will also get a chance upon arrival to spend 1-2 days in Melbourne for orientation and sightseeing. At the end of the trip, youth will spend 2-3 days in Sydney for debriefing and some more sightseeing.

**Why:** International 4-H Youth Exchange programs promote world citizenship and enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills while increasing their international awareness and understanding.

**Program Fee:** The program fee is estimated to be around \$5,100, depending on the exchange rates and flight costs. This covers pre-departure orientation, information on Australia, health/medical insurance, round-trip airfare from Wisconsin to Australia, overnight stay in Madison or Milwaukee the night before departure (if necessary), travel and other costs in Australia, a visit to Melbourne, a visit to Sydney, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and a portion of administrative costs. Financial support and fundraising assistance may be available through county and state Extension 4-H Youth Development and Wisconsin IFYE or IFYE of the USA Associations.

## **Schedule of Payments:**

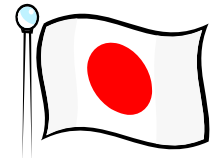
Jan. 1	\$250 payable to <u><b>UW Extension</b></u>
Jan. 25	\$1500 payable to <u><b>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</b></u>
Feb. 25	\$500 payable to <u><b>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</b></u>
Apr. 25	Balance due payable to <u><b>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</b></u>
Total:	Approximately \$5,100

**Cancellation policy:** \$150 before Jan. 25; beginning Jan. 25, payments NOT refundable after each deadline. (Air ticket is issued by mid-February and is NOT refundable once issued). Cancellations must be made in writing. For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis.

**Applications:** Applications and information are available from your County Extension office, the state 4-H office, or on-line at [wi4hinternational.org](http://wi4hinternational.org). The outbound application deadline is **January 1**.

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# 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Japan Exchange



**Who:** 4-H'ers between the ages of 12-18 at time of travel who are interested in learning about another country and culture through a homestay experience in Japan.

**What:** Delegates will have an opportunity to learn about another culture the "hands on" way by living with a host family. American 4-H exchange participants stay with families that are involved in one of two youth organizations - *The Institute for Language Experiment, Experience and Exchange* (LEX) or *The Labo International Exchange Foundation* (Labo) - that teach children and families English and other languages while learning about other cultures. Exchangees participating in the program through Labo will attend a summer camp while in Japan. The exchange programs are coordinated by Wisconsin 4-H in cooperation with the *The States 4-H International Exchange Program (S4-HIEP)* and the sponsoring organizations of LEX and Labo.

**What is Nihongo?** Nihongo is a 3½ week intensive language program at the Labo office in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo from mid-June to mid-July. This *optional* program precedes and supplements the summer outbound program, travel June 9-July 6.

**When:** Outbound dates are July 11, 2012 through August 9, 2012 (4 week) and June 13, 2012 through August 9, 2012 (8 week).

**Where:** 4-H delegates stay with host families throughout Japan, usually in cities.

**Why:** International 4-H Youth Exchange programs promote world citizenship and enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills while increasing their international awareness and understanding.

**Program Fee:** The outbound program fee is approximately \$4,400. (The Nihongo program is an additional \$1,000.) The fee includes domestic and international airline ticket, travel in host country expenses, home stay, supplemental insurance, orientation and debriefing programs, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and program administration. Financial support and fundraising assistance may be available through county and state Extension 4-H Youth Development and Wisconsin IFYE or IFYE of the USA Associations. **Former 4-H hosts of Labo and LEX Japan delegates qualify for program scholarships.**

## **Schedule of Payments:**

Jan. 1	\$250 payable to <u>UW Extension</u>
Jan. 25	\$1500 payable to <u>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</u>
Feb. 25	\$500 payable to <u>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</u>
Apr. 25	Balance due payable to <u>States' 4-H International Exchange Programs</u>
Total:	Approximately \$4,000 (\$5,000 for 8 week program)

**Cancellation policy:** \$150 before Jan. 25; beginning Jan. 25, payments NOT refundable after each deadline. (Air ticket is issued by mid-February and is NOT refundable once issued). Cancellations must be made in writing. For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis.

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# 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Norway Exchange



**Who:** 4-H'ers ages 16-19 at time of travel. Participants must be interested in a learn-by-doing experience in a rural environment.

**What:** The Wisconsin 4-H/Norway exchange program provides an opportunity for young people to explore living in another culture while living with 4-H host families in Norway. They travel with groups of 4-H'ers from around the U.S. including one or more adult advisors who also assist with their preparation. Programming is coordinated by Wisconsin 4-H in cooperation with *The States 4-H International Exchange Program (S4-HIEP)* and *4-H Norge*.

**When:** The outbound homestay program is approximately 4 weeks, around July 1-30, 2012.

**Where:** 4-H youth will be assigned to Norwegian host families during their stay in Norway. Group activities and sightseeing at the time of arrival or departure in Oslo may be part of the experience in addition to the home stay.

**Why:** International 4-H Youth Exchange programs promote world citizenship and enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills while increasing their international awareness and understanding.

**Program Fee:** The program fee is approximately \$4,200 depending on the currency exchange rates, flight costs, and number of participants. The fee includes domestic and international airline tickets, food, lodging, supplemental insurance, orientations, support materials, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and program administration. Financial support and fundraising assistance may be available through county and state Extension 4-H Youth Development and Wisconsin IFYE or IFYE of the USA Associations.

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# 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Korea Exchange



**Who:** 4-H'ers between the ages of 12-18 at time of travel who are interested in learning about another country and culture may experience a home stay in South Korea.

**What:** Delegates will have an opportunity to learn about another culture the "hands on" way by living with a host family. American 4-H exchange participants stay with Korean families that are involved with *The Institute for Language Experiment, Experience and Exchange* (LEX Korea) organization that teaches children and families English and other languages while learning about other cultures. The exchange programs are coordinated by Wisconsin 4-H in cooperation with the sponsoring organization of LEX.

**When:** Outbound dates are *approximately* July 20 through August 19, 2012.

**Where:** 4-H delegates stay with host families throughout Korea, usually in cities.

**Why:** International 4-H Youth Exchange programs promote world citizenship and enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills while increasing their international awareness and understanding.

**Program Fee:** The outbound program fee is approximately \$4,000. The fee includes domestic and international airline ticket, travel in host country, home stay, supplemental insurance, orientation and debriefing programs, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and program administration. Financial support and fundraising assistance may be available through county and state Extension 4-H Youth Development and Wisconsin IFYE or IFYE of the USA Associations.

**Schedule of Payments** (write checks payable to UW Extension)

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## 2012 Wisconsin 4-H Mexico Exchange



**Who:** 4-Hers between the ages of 15-18 at the time of the exchange who want to experience the joy of living with a host family for four weeks "South of the Border" - some knowledge of Spanish is required for outbound youth. Wisconsin 4-H'ers between the ages of 12-18 can also practice their Spanish without leaving home by hosting a young person from Mexico for three weeks!

**What:** The Mexico Exchange is coordinated by Wisconsin 4-H and the *Institute for Language Experience, Experiment and Exchange (LEX)* Mexico intercultural program. LEX Mexico has sponsored exchanges with several other exchange organizations from around the world. The program provides youth the opportunity to develop long-lasting friendships and to become better informed on global issues. While in Mexico, youth will attend LEX meetings to practice several languages while improving their Spanish as well.

**When:** The outbound homestay program is approximately 4 weeks, around July 1-31, 2012.

**Where:** 4-H youth stay with families in a suburb of Mexico City, Cuernavaca or Acapulco. (*Chihuahua is no longer an option due to current safety concerns in that area.*)

**Why:** International 4-H Youth Exchange programs promote world citizenship and enhance the 4-H program through international, cross-cultural experiences that enable young people to improve their leadership and communication skills while increasing their international awareness and understanding.

**Program Fee:** The program fee is approximately \$2,000, depending on the exchange rate and flight costs. The fee includes pre-departure orientation, information on Mexico, supplemental health/medical insurance, round-trip airfare from Madison to the host city, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s) and program administration. Financial support and fundraising assistance may be available through county and state Extension 4-H Youth Development and Wisconsin IFYE or IFYE of the USA Associations.

**Schedule of Payments** (write checks payable to UW Extension)

Jan. 1	\$250 payable to <u>UW Extension</u>
Jan. 25	\$1,500 payable to <u>UW Extension</u>
Apr. 25	Balance due payable to <u>UW Extension</u>
Total:	Approximately \$2,000

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# STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

## 2012 OUTBOUND DELEGATE APPLICATION

Indicate program(s) for which you are applying:

Australia\*       Norway\*

**\*For these programs, there is a maximum group size nationwide. You will be notified in February 2012 regarding final delegate selection.**

4 week Japan       8 week Japan

Please choose an organization for your Japan homestay:  Labo     LEX     Utrek

(There is no maximum group size for Japan programs)

**FULL LEGAL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Exactly as printed in passport\***      (First)      (Middle)      (Last)

Name you prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
(M/D/YY)

### HOME ADDRESS:

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (      )

Applicant's Cell Phone: (      )      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT / GUARDIAN:

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (      )      Home Phone: (      )      Work Phone: (      )

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (      )      Home Phone: (      )      Work Phone: (      )

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Age of Sister(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Age of Brother(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (      )      Home Phone: (      )      Work Phone: (      )

**RELIGION:** (For your host family's information) \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY INSURANCE CARRIER:** \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Participants are responsible for expenses beyond the coverage of the exchange program's insurance policy.)*

**LANGUAGE ABILITY** (Other than English). Please indicate: Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor - None.

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Comprehension	Years Studied

**TRAVEL:**

1. Which local airport would you prefer to use? (In order of preference)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

**NOTE: \*We cannot guarantee that the airport listed above will be chosen for travel.**

2. Have you flown domestically before?  Yes  No Internationally?  Yes  No

3. Do you have a current passport?  Yes  No Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE THE U.S.**

Country	Length of Stay	Dates/Year	Purpose (tourist, study, etc.)

**HOST FAMILY REQUEST:**

We have hosted an international visitor through 4-H in the past. (List below.)

Name	Year	Organization	Country

Any host family assigned is acceptable.

I request to be hosted by:

(Please note that we cannot guarantee that the preferred host family will be available to host.)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a farm experience

Please list type of farm desired (please note that a farm experience is not guaranteed)

\_\_\_\_\_

**AT-A-GLANCE HEALTH SURVEY:** In order to make your homestay more enjoyable for you and your host family, please answer the following questions. Be as specific as possible. (If you need more room, please attach another sheet of paper.)

**ALLERGIES:** List ALL non-food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIET:** 1. List all food allergies (shellfish, peanuts, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you a vegetarian?  Yes  No If YES, please list what you CANNOT eat:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list all other special dietary needs & restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_

**SMOKING:**

- I may NOT be placed with a smoking family.
- I may be placed with a smoking family, but prefer non-smoking.
- A smoking family is acceptable for me.

**ANIMALS:**

- Placement in a home with any type or size of pets/animals is okay with me.
- Although I am mildly allergic to the following animals, it's okay for me to be placed with them:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I am strongly allergic to the following animals and cannot be placed with them inside the home:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I am afraid of some pets and animals. Please do not place me in a home with the following:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS:**

Do you have any specific physical/mental condition of which your host family should be made aware?

Yes  No List: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking any medications?  Yes  No List All: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any physical activities you are restricted from doing?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches      Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

**INTRODUCTION TO YOUR HOST FAMILY:**

*In the following categories, check as many boxes as may apply to you.*

What activities do you enjoy?

- studying  shopping  hiking  camping  nature/outdoors  movies  swimming  cooking
- handicrafts  museums  listening to music  gardening  bicycling  painting/drawing  boating
- reading  writing  dancing  singing  TV  computers  video games
- sports (types: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- musical instruments (types: \_\_\_\_\_ )  Animals (types: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- other activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Your personality characteristics:

- tidy  curious  shy  emotional  cheerful  quiet  patient  talkative  humorous/funny  sociable
- tolerant  serious  other: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you usually do in your free time?

- movies  museums  reading  studying  shopping  sports events  other: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of TV programs do you enjoy watching?

- educational  adventure  game shows  musicals  comedies  drama  movies  sports  news

What kind of books do you enjoy reading?

- science fiction  classics  non-fiction  mysteries  poetry  humor  fiction  anime  other

What type of music do you enjoy?

- classical  disco  show-tunes  popular  folk  country & western  jazz  rock  rap

What qualities do you value most in people?

- loyalty  kindness  patience  intelligence  sense of humor  decisiveness  politeness  honesty
- sociability  generosity  curiosity  hard-working

Please list some of your hobbies & interests:

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Please list some things about the hosting country and its culture that you find interesting:

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**REFERENCES:**

- 4-H members are required to name at least one 4-H Staff Member and one school representative.
- Non 4-H members are required to name one school representative; the other reference may be any other adult (non-relative).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position-Title/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position-Title/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED ESSAY**

On a separate sheet of paper, submit a typed essay (1 page) that answers the following questions:

1. What are your expectations for this exchange?
2. Why do you want to participate?

**LETTER TO HOST FAMILY**

On a separate piece of paper, please either handwrite or type a letter to your host family introducing yourself, your family, and your interests.

**I CERTIFY that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the purposes and objectives of the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs and agree to participate within the framework of the program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian (If applicant is under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Coordinator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ADDITIONAL ESSAY QUESTIONS

Due January 1 with Application

These questions are designed to better prepare you for the homestay exchange experience. Think carefully and be specific! There is a maximum group size for non-Japan programs. If more people apply for these programs than we have space to accommodate, your answers to these questions will be used as a part of the secondary selection criteria.

Please print or type answers to the following questions. You may use a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is the hardest thing for you about listening?
2. What takes you out of your comfort zone, and how do you cope when feeling uncomfortable?
3. This exchange is a cultural immersion program. All host countries have cultural differences from your home, community, county and state. How will you react when faced with cultural situations that differ from what you have grown up with?
4. When you hear the word diversity, what do you think, and how does it relate to this exchange experience?
5. You have just arrived in your host country. You have no cell phone, no way to text message or be on Facebook or other social networking options, and you only have limited email access—now what will you do?

## Interview

Please contact the Wisconsin 4-H International Programs office at 608-262-2491 or [wi4hinternational.org](http://wi4hinternational.org) to set up an interview with the International Programs Committee member nearest to you geographically. The WI 4-H office will help you identify your interviewer.

I am interviewing with: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

## Photograph

*Attach at least one photo of yourself to this page, or email a photo to your 4-H Coordinator,  
[kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kay.hobler@ces.uwex.edu)*

# States' 4-H International Exchange Programs



## Outbound Cultural Project

Each outbound delegate is asked to prepare a cultural project that he/she can share with his/her host family. The cultural project should focus on an aspect of American culture that is important to you. The project can be in any form and on any topic. For instance, previous delegates have:

- Demonstrated how to throw a lasso
- Prepared their favorite food dish
- Sung a favorite pop song (with accompanying dance moves!)
- Taught their favorite sport/game and then played it with their host family

Pick a project that you enjoy and that you're comfortable teaching others. You should also be prepared to leave a "hard copy" of your project with your host family. For instance, write down the recipe for your favorite dish, write down the lyrics for your favorite song, take photographs of your dance moves, or prepare a guidebook with pictures on your favorite sport. The main goal is for you to share a piece of American culture with your host family and new friends...and to have fun!

Please describe your project in the space below and/or attach separate sheet (if necessary):

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# STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2012 SUMMER OUTBOUND PROGRAM

## TRAVEL RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION, INSURANCE AGREEMENT, & LIABILITY RELEASE

Delegate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Outbound Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country of Destination

### TRAVEL RELEASE/AUTHORIZATION

I (we), \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name(s) of parent(s)/legal guardian(s)

hereby grant permission for my/our child "the delegate" to travel to \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Country of Destination

to attend and participate in the States' 4-H International Exchange Program "S4-H."

I (we) agree to accept the flight itinerary that S4-H arranges for the delegate. I (we) agree to pay the cost for any deviations from this flight schedule caused by the delegate's personal actions. S4-H (Board, staff, and volunteers), partner Land Grant Institutions (their personnel and volunteers), and the international partner organization shall have no liability if the delegate voluntarily or otherwise withdraws or is dismissed from the program. Furthermore, I (we) understand that program fees and airfare must be paid in full by the established deadlines in order for the delegate to participate in the exchange.

### INSURANCE AGREEMENT

- I (we) will be provided S4-H Insurance information. I (we) acknowledge the following:
  - The Insurance supplements any other policy of health or accident insurance covering the delegate and/or his or her family. I (we) understand that this insurance provides coverage for accidents, injuries, or illness that occur between the time the delegate departs from and returns to the home airport. It does not provide coverage for any preexisting conditions.
  - The Insurance will provide reimbursement for qualified medical expenses incurred during the exchange. The delegate may be required to pay for medical expenses at the time of service and submit receipts to S4-H for reimbursement.
  - The Insurance will pay for the necessary emergency evacuation of an insured person. An emergency evacuation must be ordered by a legally licensed physician who certifies that the severity of the insured person's injury or illness warrants the emergency evacuation. All transportation arrangements made for evacuating the insured person will be by the most direct and economical route.
  - If the delegate elects to return home or to travel to another country for medical care or treatment, and elects not to use the services and appropriate treatment at the nearest point available, I (we) will pay for all additional costs beyond those provided under the provisions of the program.
- The delegate agrees to follow the S4-H Safety Guidelines at all times. I (we) understand that the Safety Guidelines are based on insurance coverage rules and exclusions. If the delegate is injured while participating in a prohibited activity, I (we) will be responsible to pay for the resulting medical bills.

### LIABILITY RELEASE

This liability release covers the time period from when the delegate departs his/her home state until he/she returns to the U.S. While under the sponsorship of S4-H, the delegate may not participate in any high-risk activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- hunting
- paintball
- mountaineering & rock climbing
- scuba diving
- jet-skiing
- bungee jumping
- hang gliding
- glider riding
- parachuting
- parasailing
- hot air ballooning
- sky diving
- riding in private planes
- motorcycle driving/riding
- driving
- operating motorized lawn equipment
- operating farm equipment
- driving/riding motorized recreational vehicles
- driving/riding all-terrain vehicles

I (we), the undersigned, authorize the delegate to participate within the program guidelines established by the S4-H. I (we) hereby release S4-H (Board, staff, and volunteers), partner Land Grant Institutions (their personnel and volunteers), the international partner organization, program chaperones, and host families past and present from any and all current and future claims, losses, expenses, charges, costs and/or causes of action for loss of property, personal injury, illness, accident or death sustained by the delegate during the time he/she is a participant in the program.

I (we) agree to supply the delegate with spending money to cover his/her personal needs and expenses for the duration of the program and return home. I (we) understand and agree that S4-H is not responsible for the delegate's money or personal property, whether lost or stolen, while he/she is participating in the program.

I (we) certify that all information provided in the Outbound Delegate Application is correct and complete, including medical and immunization history. I (we) also understand that any changes in the information provided, including but not limited to changes in the delegate's medical history or condition, must be reported to S4-H immediately. I (we) understand that withholding information and/or providing incorrect information and/or not reporting changes after the medical form as submitted are grounds for possible termination from the program and repatriation at my/our expense with no refund of program fees.

**The signature of the undersigned delegate and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) indicates a complete understanding of and a willingness to abide by the above *Travel Release/Authorization, Insurance Agreement, and Liability Release.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of father/legal guardian      Print father's/legal guardian's name      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*Signature of mother/legal guardian      Print mother's/legal guardian's name      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of delegate      Print delegate's name      Date

\*In the case of divorced parents:

1. For divorced parents with joint custody, both parents must sign above.
2. For divorced parents where one parent is awarded full custody, only one parent needs to sign above. The same parent must sign below:

By signing below, I attest that I have sole custody of the child listed above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRINT IN DARK INK OR TYPE

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Delegate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

The individual above has applied to participate in a foreign exchange program. Selected delegates will spend four to eight weeks living in an unfamiliar culture. Your thoughtful evaluation of the applicant's ability to assume this role will be much appreciated.

**Thank you for providing this reference. All information is confidential.**

Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relation to other people, is he/she usually:  
(specify "Yes" or "No" and/or comments, please)

Comments:

Cooperative	[ ] Yes	[ ] No	_____
Looked to for guidance	[ ] Yes	[ ] No	_____
Respectful	[ ] Yes	[ ] No	_____
Outgoing	[ ] Yes	[ ] No	_____
Sensitive towards others	[ ] Yes	[ ] No	_____

How does this applicant react to:

Physical Discomfort: \_\_\_\_\_

Stress/Pressure: \_\_\_\_\_

Sudden changes in schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Awkward and embarrassing situations: \_\_\_\_\_

In comparison with persons you have known, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas:

	<u>Below Average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Above Average</u>	<u>Top 10%</u>
Emotional Maturity	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Leadership	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Enthusiasm/Energy	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Self-Confidence	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Sense of Humor	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Handling Emergencies	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Self-Starter	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Flexible	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Do you recommend this applicant for participation?

YES

NO

Additional Comments (Use the back of this page if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sense of Humor	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Handling Emergencies	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Self-Starter	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Flexible	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Do you recommend this applicant for participation?

YES

NO

Additional Comments (Use the back of this page if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Wisconsin 4-H Outbound International Youth Exchange

## COUNTY 4-H YOUTH EDUCATOR'S CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT

**Applicant: please provide this form and your application to your county 4-H Educator at least ten days before the deadline and ask him/her to complete and forward the form with your application to the State 4-H International Programs Office address below.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Australia, Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, Mexico OR Norway Exchanges)*

1. Interpersonal Relations: As you observe this applicant in relationship to other people, is the applicant usually:

			comments
Cooperative?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	_____
Looked to for guidance?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	_____
Respectful?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	_____
Outgoing?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	_____
Sensitive toward others?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no	_____

2. Please comment on the general character and the maturity level of this applicant.

3. How does this applicant react to stress resulting from awkward or unfamiliar situations, schedule changes, physical demands, or pressure?

4. In comparison with persons you have known, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

	Below average	Average	Above average	Top 10%
Emotional maturity	___	___	___	___
Leadership	___	___	___	___
Enthusiasm & energy	___	___	___	___
Self-confidence	___	___	___	___
Sense of humor	___	___	___	___
Handling emergencies	___	___	___	___

5. How do you see this individual's activities strengthening the county 4-H program?

6. Please make any other significant comments about this applicant. Use other side of sheet, if needed.

7. Do you recommend this applicant for participation?  yes  no

Why or why not?

*To the best of my knowledge, this individual's application is accurate.*

Agent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H EDUCATOR:** Please return your confidential statement with the application by January 1, 2012 to 4-H Int'l. Programs, 436 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703  
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