

# THE EF DIFFERENCE

*EF High School Exchange Year has been promoting global awareness through student exchange for more than 30 years. We bring more students to the U.S. each year than any other high school exchange program, and since 1979 our organization has connected more than 100,000 international students with caring host families across America.*

## WE HAVE 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

EF has been running educational travel programs for nearly five decades. We are seasoned experts, and we know what it takes to create successful exchange experiences for international students. We have grown around the world, and no matter where you're going EF has the size, experience and dedication to provide a life-changing exchange year you'll remember forever.

## EF PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

To gain acceptance into our program, students must complete a detailed application as well as interviews with teachers, EF staff and former exchange students to ensure they are well-prepared for a year abroad. Students must also prove they are in good health, submitting a health certificate from their doctor. Selection into EF's program is extremely competitive!

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Our students are held to high standards of English language ability and are required to speak, read and write English at a proficient level before they arrive in the U.S. We do not expect that they will be enrolled in English learner classes at your school.

## THOROUGH PREPARATION

Students and their parents participate in an extensive pre-departure orientation in their home countries, where they receive detailed information about American culture and the U.S. school system. On arrival, almost all students attend our Welcome Days or EF High School Camp, easing their transition into American life by immersing them in the English language. Additionally, all students participate in an American welcome orientation, often with their host families.

## SUPPORT

International Exchange Coordinators (IECs) are the local representatives of EF High School Exchange Year. The IEC is your primary contact person and the heart and soul of your support team (your first phone call whenever you have a question or need assistance). The IEC's primary responsibilities include finding caring host families, and liaising with high schools.

## ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

EF High School Exchange Year is a non-profit corporation designated by the U.S. Department of State to operate a J-1 student exchange program. On the basis of materials submitted and reviewed, Council on Standards for International Educational Travel has granted listing to EF in its Advisory List for the current school year. We are also a member of the Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange.

## EARN FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Refer local host families and International Exchange Coordinators to help welcome international students into your school and community, and EF will donate money to your school. Nationwide referrals are also welcome and eligible for grants.

- Earn a \$200 donation for each qualified family that hosts an international student.
- Earn a \$500 donation for each International Exchange Coordinator you refer - \$250 once screening and training is complete, and an additional \$250 upon his or her first placement.

Submit referrals at:  
[efexchangeyear.org/grants](http://efexchangeyear.org/grants)



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