

About Us

Education Travel & Culture, Inc. (ETC) is a non-profit organization working to promote international understanding and goodwill by providing high quality educational and cultural exchange programs in the United States and abroad.

We currently bring students to the U.S. from many countries all over the world and provide the opportunity for American high school students to travel abroad on academic programs.



ETC has an outstanding reputation for providing personal attention and service throughout the entire process. Our dedicated staff works with its host families and students every step of the way. ETC is designated by the U.S. State Department to issue J-1 visas and has full listing with the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET).



ETC's goal is to provide all program participants with opportunities for enhanced personal growth and the establishment of lifelong friendships.



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Host a Foreign Exchange Student



Volunteer host families are an integral part of the ETC exchange student experience. Host families provide room, board, a quiet place

to study, and an American family experience for guest students during their semester or academic year in the United States.

ETC students come from many countries throughout Asia, Europe, and South America, with English skills to succeed in a public American high school. We screen for well-rounded individuals who are excited to learn about American culture. Students come with their own medical insurance, and spending money for entertainment and personal expenses.

Hosting FAQ

How will hosting benefit my family?

- Build a lifelong, international friendship.
- Give your family an understanding of other cultures and the ability to communicate cross-culturally.

What would my responsibilities be?

- Room and board
- Transportation or carpooling
- Guidance and support for the student
- Monthly contact with ETC representative

We are very busy, is that a problem?

- Living with a busy family is the best way for a student to learn about life in the U.S.!

We don't have an extra bedroom.

- That's okay! Students can share a room with one host sibling of the same gender and similar age.

What if there is a problem with our student?

- ETC will be there 24 hours a day for emergencies and support. Your ETC Local Coordinator will be in regular contact with you to help solve problems and offer support and guidance.

Be a Local Coordinator

Local Coordinators are ETC field representatives who work in their own communities. The Local Coordinator is the first point of contact for support, questions, and guidance. In addition to their role as a support person, the Local Coordinator recruits and screens potential host families, provides host family orientations, arranges school placements.

If you are interested in this position, or would like more information, please visit: www.edutrav.org.



Study Abroad

ETC offers U.S. high school students the opportunity to study and live abroad for a summer, academic semester, or school year. Students are placed in a foreign private or public high school.

Studying abroad gives American teenagers valuable life skills, an expanded world view, and a chance to become fluent in another language. Contact ETC for more information about the programs we offer.

