

AFS Interculture Canada

WHAT IS IT?

AFS Interculture Canada is an educational movement that promotes intercultural learning and international development through international exchange programs for both young people and adults. Founded in 1947, the AFS network currently includes more than 50 member countries. AFS Interculture Canada has no political or religious affiliation.

CORE PROGRAMS: These programs provide Canadian students from 15 to 18 years of age with complete cultural immersion in another country or province. Participants live with carefully chosen host families and share their everyday life while continuing their high school studies in the language of the host country. This experience helps them broaden their horizons, learn a new language and gain more experience of life.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Open to young people over the age of 15 and to adults, these programs include teacher exchanges, short language training programs, and advancement programs with a focus on the environment and women in development.

HOSTING PROGRAMS: These programs give families from across Canada the opportunity to host a foreign student. The participants, 15 to 18 years of age, attend the local high school during their stay. Helpful orientation camps are organized for both families and students.

In all programs, students can count on the assistance of an AFS volunteer counsellor. Students can choose a year, semester or summer program in one of

more than 30 destinations. Departures are in the summer for all European countries, some Latin American countries, the United States and Québec, and in winter for Australia, Japan, Argentina and other Latin American destinations. A few destinations offer both a winter and a summer departure: New Zealand, Brazil, Thailand and Ecuador.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Depending on the program you choose, you can stay a year, a semester or a summer in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- In all programs students must be mature enough to face challenges, capable of adjusting to a different way of life, and in good health.
- The cost of participating in the program varies from one country to another. (Partial financial help, in the form of a loan and/or fee refund, is given by AFS Interculture to students from low-income families.)

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Applications for any of the programs are accepted year-round but students should apply at least six months in advance of their planned departure date.

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