

International Agricultural Exchange Association (IAEA)

WHAT IS IT?

Since 1963, IAEA has been running exchange programs in agriculture for young men and women from 18 different countries, in co-operation with the Canadian Host Family Association. It is a non-profit organization open to people from rural communities.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF IAEA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- to give future farmers an opportunity to learn about agricultural methods in other parts of the world;
- to enable participants to gain an understanding of the culture of other countries; and
- to help foster and strengthen ties between countries through personal contacts between the participants and host families.

IAEA arranges programs in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, the United Kingdom and other European countries.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Programs vary from 4 to 13 months, depending on the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have at least two years' experience in agriculture.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Each participant has to pay airfare and an IAEA administration fee. This fee covers the costs of obtaining a work permit, selecting a host family, orientation seminars and supervision.

Application should be made at least six months before the departure date.

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