**Exchange Program Overview**

Come explore the world with us! You can experience the rich history and culture of Mongolia, Ghana, or Finland – pick your preferred destination. The International 4-H Exchange Programs are designed to advance cultural understanding, prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures, and develop a cadre of Americans with cultural understanding who can advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy.

**Selection Criteria?**

The program is open to current senior aged 4-H members (14-19) interested in traveling internationally, learning about different cultures, and living with a host family. Students will be selected on the following criteria:

- Personal leadership skills
- Involvement in the community as demonstrated through community service activities
- Social skills - Openness and flexibility
- Interest in learning about cultural differences and global issues

**Important Dates:**

- Applications due January 1, 2019
- Web video interviews – January 2019
- Pre-trip orientation via web conference - TBD
- Travel dates - June - July 2019.
  - Ghana Tentative dates – June
  - Mongolia Tentative dates – late June/early July
  - Finland Tentative dates - Late July

**How much does it cost?**

The cost of each trip is $2,000 per person. The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation will supplement any remaining cost for the trip. The following expenses will be included in the trip cost:

- Roundtrip airfare to host country
- Meals and lodging
- In country logistics (i.e. transportation, etc.)
- Travel insurance, Accident and sickness protection

A $500 deposit will be required upon selection, the remaining balance can be made in monthly payments.

There will be some additional out-of-pocket expenses for participants which include:

- Passport & passport photos
- Immunization fees (if required)
- Transportation to and from outbound/inbound airport
- Spending money for souvenirs and other in-country purchases
- In-country site seeing excursions
- Modest host family gift

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Applications are available online at www.wyoming4h.org under Opportunities, Travel and then International, or by request from contact above.