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Live with a host family and attend a local school for an academic year as a Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad student. Promote mutual understanding between the United States and your host country as you form lasting relationships with members of your local host community. YES Abroad is a full scholarship program of the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Build a global community.

Develop leadership skills, international competence, and an understanding of global interests and values shared across cultures by participating in YES Abroad. Gain new insights into your own culture and the world by developing respectful and enduring relationships between Americans and people of other countries.

Basic eligibility requirements:

U.S. citizens ages 15 to 18½ years at the start of the program are eligible to apply. Visit www.yes-abroad.org to learn more. YES Abroad students represent the diversity of the United States. Students of all racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and any disability status, are encouraged to apply.

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