

## **2025 TAIWAN EXCHANGE**

# Join a HOMESTAY EXCHANGE and immerse yourself in another culture!







Are you curious about daily life, culture, and 4-H in other countries?

Stay with a host family in Taiwan and immerse yourself in a world that most visitors rarely get to see. You can share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

### **STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:**

Dates: July 16 — August 15, 2025

Capacity: 7 delegates

Cost: \$3,200 + airfare estimate (\$1,600 - \$1,900)

(Actual airfare may vary at time of booking)

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Delegates arrive in Taipei for a two-night arrival orientation led by Taiwan 4-H, which includes an introduction to Taiwanese culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. The program concludes with sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei along with a departure debriefing.

#### **Program Fees Include:**

- Overnight National Departure Orientation in Seattle, WA
- Two-night arrival orientation in Taipei
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Taipei
- In- Taiwan expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- 4-H International Exchange Camp
- Orientation materials and States' 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
- Overnight National Departure Debriefing in Seattle, WA

\*Some states may have an earlier timeline set in order to approve documents before they are forwarded to the National Office.

#### **Program Timeline\*:**

November 6 Application due to MO 4-H Office—Joyce Taylor TaylorJL@missouri.edu for application and process.

November 23 Required in—person interview—Columbia, MO

January: States' 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance

January 15: \$3,000 first payment due\*

February 1: States' 4-H issues international air tickets

April 1: Passport due to States' 4-H Office; Domestic Itinerary

due to States' 4-H Office; Remaining payment due to States' 4-H Office.

Early /LateSpring: State orientation(in person) National (virtual)

July 16: Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National parture Orientation the day before the nternational flight.

\*First payment will not be deposited until applicant is accepted in February.



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**States' 4-H International's mission** is to enhance world understanding and **global citizenship**; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.







"I had such an astonishing experience, one that surely will influence me for the rest of my life. I feel like I've grown as a person, and my perspective on the world has changed drastically."

-States' 4-H Outbound Alumna

#### Who can apply:

4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be between ages **12-18** at the time of international travel (youth must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

#### How to apply:

Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply and learn about your local deadlines.

#### **Program Policies:**

- Program Cancellations:
  - \* No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from National Departure in Seattle, WA
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

#### **FAQs:**

#### Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

**A:** Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

#### Q: Do I need to speak Taiwanese?

**A:** No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

#### Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

#### For more information:

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