

2024 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Opportunities

Travel applications are due **November 1, 2023**.

Required interviews and first orientation are scheduled **November 19**
in Junction City, KS. Details to be announced.

Kansas 4-H Exchange Programs collaborate with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) to provide opportunities for 4-H members and their families to build skills and knowledge in global citizenship. Kansas 4-H also collaborates with the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc. to provide 4-H alumni exchange opportunities to live abroad from 3-6 months with host families.

An Outbound Exchange Application must be completed for each of the travel programs available. Visit the web site: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. In addition, there are supplemental forms for the IFYE Representative program. Two required reference forms are provided to be distributed by applicants and returned by the reference person, one from a school or other reference, and one to be completed by an Extension Agent.

Please note that applications for outbound programs including the exchange with Japan are due **November 1, 2023**, with the exception of IFYE, that is due **November 15, 2023**. Please contact Mary Kay Munson, 785-375-3189 or e-mail her at mkm2@ksu.edu to assure applicant will get full consideration. Available spaces and scholarships from the Kansas IFYE Association will be allotted at that time. The specific S4-H or IFYE outbound application outlines details of applying and obligations for participants. To download this form and others, visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/index.html>.

2024 Kansas 4-H Opportunities for Travel – Countries and Dates (Tentative)

Program	Destination(s)	Host Org.	Ages/Grades	Length & Approx. Date
Japanese Exchange*	Japan	Labo and LEX	Ages 15-18 for 8 weeks; and 12-18 for 4 week program	4 wks.-July 10-Aug. 9 or language training with Nihongo & family stay-June 12-August 9
South Korea Exchange*	South Korea	Korean 4-H	Ages 12-17	4 wks. – July 16 – Aug. 15
Taiwan Exchange	Taiwan	Taiwan 4-H	Ages 12-18	4 wks. – July 16-Aug. 15
Norway Exchange	Norway	Norske 4H	Ages 15-18	4 wks. –June 20-July 20
Argentina Exch.***	Argentina	Argentina 4-H	Ages 15-18	4 wks. –June 20-July 15
Costa Rica*	Costa Rica	Consejo Nacional de Clubes 4-S	Ages 15-18	4 wks. – June 20- July 19
IFYE Representative**	Various Countries	4-H or Rural Youth Program	Ages 19-25	2, 3 or 6-months. Dates somewhat flexible.

*Travel as a group with an adult group leader. Stay with one or two host families representing host organization.

**Travel as an individual. Programmed in several host families selected by host organization.

***Group hotel experience with no host family experience.

States 4-H International Exchange Programs is sponsoring 4-H exchanges to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Norway, Argentina, and Costa Rica where Kansas and other states' 4-H'ers will be hosted by families who participate in the host organization. 4-H'ers who participate will not only learn about another culture and a little of another language, but they will also learn how other youth organizations conduct programs.

There may also be opportunities for Kansas 4-H families to host exchange teens for three weeks tentatively from Costa Rica during summer 2024. Details are pending. In addition, 39 Kansas 4-H families will be needed to host Japanese youth, aged 12-16 from Japan for 3 ½ weeks from about July 23 – August 16, 2024.

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