



# AFS APPLICATION WALKTHROUGH

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Understanding Your AFS-USA Application from Start to Finish

*A guide to help students and families visually understand the AFS-USA Study Abroad application — from creating an account to acceptance.*

# Your Journey Starts Here

*A visual roadmap to completing the AFS-USA study abroad application.*

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# About the AFS Application

The application is our way of learning about and getting to know you! Here's a simple overview of its structure, what to expect, and the support available so you can confidently move through your application.

## 3-Stage Process

- ▶ The AFS-USA application generally follows a 3-Stage process: *Get Started* ⇒ *Next Steps* ⇒ *Accepted*.
- ▶ As you advance through each stage, new tasks (called "To-Do" items) will appear for you to complete
- ▶ Each task provides clear instructions and a due date to help you stay on track

## Scholarships/Aid

- ▶ The scholarship application is a part of the general AFS application in the *Next Steps* stage.
- ▶ To be considered for scholarships and/or financial aid through the AFS Global Citizen Scholarships & Aid process, complete all related tasks and forms.

## "To-Do" Tasks

- ▶ Most application tasks can be completed on your own or by/with the help of a parent/guardian
- ▶ Some information and forms must be completed by others who know you – like your teachers and doctors.
- ▶ After you submit all tasks in a stage, there will be a pause for review by AFS before your application enters the next stage.

## Support/Resources

- ▶ AFS will provide resources to support you and your family throughout the process.
- ▶ These include documents with detailed, step-by-step instructions to guide you through each application task.
- ▶ You will also be connected with an AFS-USA Study Abroad Specialist, who you can chat with through the application portal for assistance.

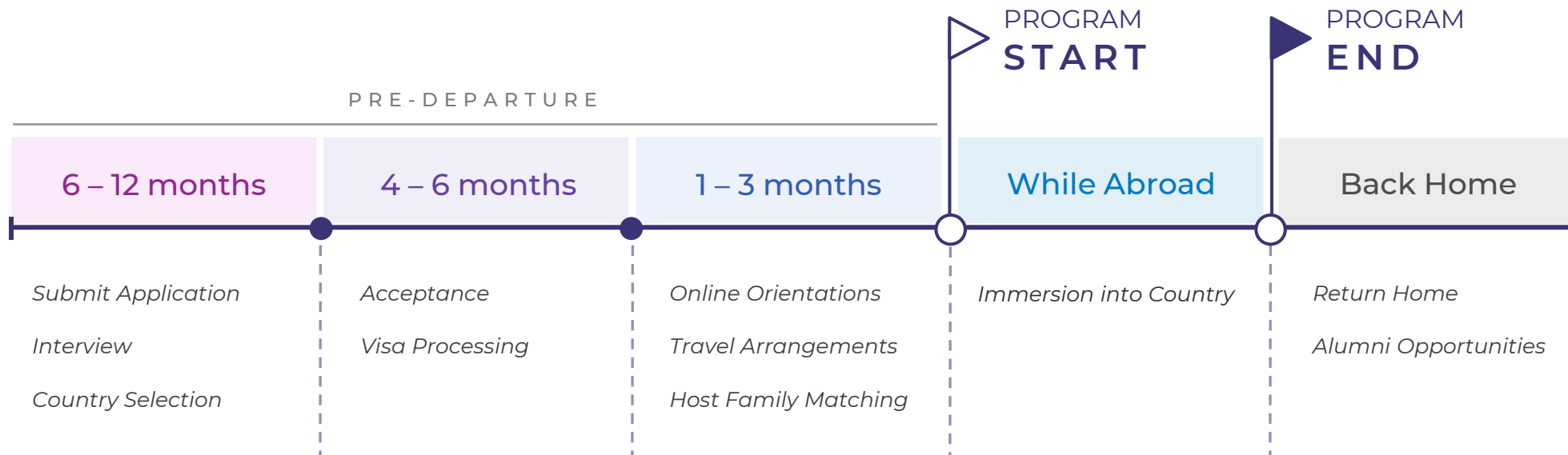
# Overview of Application Stages

The application stages and tasks are briefly outlined below. Click on each task to either see a visual in this guide or a sample document.

<p><b>STAGE 1</b></p> <p><i>Pause for Review by AFS-USA</i></p> <h2>Get Started</h2> <p><i>Share who you are, as well as your goals and motivations for participating.</i></p> <p>"To-Do" Tasks in this stage include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Select Program(s)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Personal Details</a> (contact information, family details, health &amp; lifestyle overview, education)</li><li>• <a href="#">About You</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Complete Your Profile</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Introduce Yourself</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Essay Questions</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Parent/Guardian Statement</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Scholarship Form</a></li></ul>	<p><b>STAGE 2</b></p> <p><i>Pause for Review by AFS-USA + Host Partner</i></p> <h2>Next Steps</h2> <p><i>Complete and submit all supporting forms and documents.</i></p> <p>"To-Do" Tasks in this stage include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Participation Agreement</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Activity Waiver</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Letter to Future Host Family</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Introduction Video</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Enter Health Information</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Health Certificate</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Academic History</a> (Year + Semester only)</li><li>• <a href="#">Teacher Recommendation</a> (Year + Semester only)</li><li>• <a href="#">Passport Information</a></li><li>• <a href="#">FAST Application</a> (for financial aid/scholarships)</li><li>• Study Abroad Interview</li></ul>	<p><b>STAGE 3</b></p> <p><i>AFS-USA Review Until Departure</i></p> <h2>Accepted</h2> <p><i>After acceptance by an AFS Host Partner, new tasks and resources will appear.</i></p> <p>"To-Do" Tasks in this stage vary by program, but typically include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health Form Addendum</a></li><li>• Any country-specific forms</li><li>• <a href="#">Language Proficiency Pre-assessment</a></li><li>• Media Consent</li><li>• Visa Guidelines</li><li>• Travel Information</li><li>• <a href="#">Getting Academic Credit</a></li></ul>
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# General Program Timeline





Below is the **general** program timeline that you can expect. While all applicants will follow a similar process, the **specific dates and details for your study abroad journey may be different** depending on the program type, destination, and other factors.



# Important Notice

The application used in the visual walkthrough is a **sample version**, designed to help students and families see what an AFS application generally looks like and better understand the process. *It is **not** an answer key for your own application.*

**BEFORE STARTING THE WALKTHROUGH, PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THE POINTS BELOW**

-  The sample application is for **learning purposes only** and is **subject to change at any time**
-  Depending on the program and other factors, your application **may look different from the sample**
-  All **answers, selections, and other details** used in the sample application are **fictional**
-  **Do not copy or use any information** from the sample to complete your personal application

STAGE 1

**GET STARTED**



Create or log-in to your AFS-USA application portal.

<https://application.afs.org/usa/s/afslogin>

**LOG IN** ⓘ

**Email\***

**Password\*** ⓘ

**LOG IN**

Haven't created an account? [Sign Up](#)   [Forgot Password?](#)



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SWITCH APPLICATION

- Get Started
- Select Program(s)
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# JANE, your adventure is waiting:

Program Title	Destination	Duration
<input type="text"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFS Gap Year in Paraguay, University and High School (Fall Semester Departure)</li> <li>AFS Semester in Argentina (Fall Semester Departure)</li> <li>AFS Semester in Austria (Fall Semester Departure)</li> <li>AFS Semester in Chile (Fall Semester Departure)</li> </ul>	<input type="text"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argentina</li> <li>Austria</li> <li>Belgium</li> <li>Canada</li> <li>Chile</li> <li>China</li> </ul>	<input type="text"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-3 weeks</li> <li>4-6 weeks</li> <li>7-9 weeks</li> <li>1-3 months</li> <li>4-6 months</li> <li>10-12 months</li> </ul>

You'll be able to select a top choice program based on your eligibility a little later in your application.



### AFS Semester in Turkey (Fall Semester Departure)

DESTINATION TURKEY

DURATION	PROGRAM FEE
5 months	USD 11 500

PROGRAM DATES  
Sept 2026 - Jan 2027



### AFS Gap Year in Paraguay: University and High School (Fall Semester Departure)

DESTINATION PARAGUAY

DURATION	PROGRAM FEE
10 months	USD 17 000

PROGRAM DATES  
Aug 2026 - Jul 2027



### AFS Semester in Argentina (Fall Semester Departure)

DESTINATION ARGENTINA

DURATION	PROGRAM FEE
5 months	USD 11 500

PROGRAM DATES  
Aug 2026 - Jan 2027

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Program Title ▾ Destination ▾ Duration ▾

France × 10-12 months ×

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**SELECTED**



**AFS Year Program in France (Fall Semester Departure)**

DESTINATION FRANCE

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DURATION                      PROGRAM FEE  
**10 months                      USD 16 800**

PROGRAM DATES  
**Sept 2026 - Jul 2027**

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# Personal Details

This information helps us create your participant profile. Be sure to click Save & Continue before leaving this page.

## Your contact information

First Name\*

JANE

Last Name\*

DOE

Email\*

Mobile Number\*

United States (+1)

## Your Address

Address\* ⓘ

100 Sample Street

Charlotte

NC

28202

## Personal details

The information requested is not being used for illegal preferences. The request for the applicant's sex will not be used as a criteria for acceptance into the program.

Date of Birth\* ⓘ

11-04-2009

Sex\* ⓘ

Citizenship ⓘ

United States ▼



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## About Parents

Parent/Legal Guardian \* ⓘ

Father     Mother     Other

Parent/Guardian Name\*

Parent Primary Email\*

Parent Primary Phone\* ⓘ

You live with this Parent/Guardian

This is your legal guardian.

Parent/Legal Guardian \* ⓘ

Father     Mother     Other

Parent/Guardian Name\*

Parent Primary Email\*

Parent Primary Phone\* ⓘ



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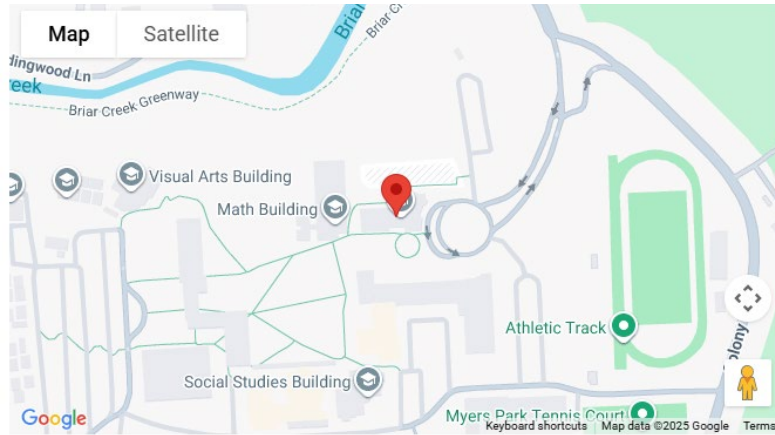
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## Education

What school do you attend?\*

Myers Park High School



Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 scale)\*

4

Graduation date:\*

05-30-2027

Describe yourself as a student. What subjects do you enjoy? Are you involved in school activities? What would you like to study in the future?\*

The subjects I enjoy are...

Select all languages that you speak or have studied (including your native language). \*

English

Proficiency:

Native/Bilingual

+ ADD ANOTHER LANGUAGE



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## Health and Lifestyle

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Do you have any physical restrictions, impairments, or non-food allergies?\*

- No restrictions or allergies
- Limited in the activities I can do
- Have allergies
- Take medications
- Can't live with pets
- Can't live with a smoker

Do you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies?\*

- No dietary restrictions
- Celiac
- Halal
- Vegetarian
- Have food allergies
- Kosher
- Vegan

Have you ever been treated for any health issues (physical or mental)?\*

- Yes
- No

Do you smoke?\*

- Yes
- No

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## Help us get to know you

This section is your opportunity to begin to tell us about your motivations to study abroad and why you would be a good candidate for an AFS program. Think of what you would like your potential host family and AFS host community to know about you. Answer each essay question with at least one full paragraph with a minimum of 3-5 sentences. Keep in mind that these essay questions will be reviewed by our staff, AFS volunteers, and your potential host family.

What is your motivation to study abroad?\* ⓘ

Academics	Experience people from other countries	Heritage
Host Family	Language	Off Beaten Path
Personal Growth	Scholarships	Short Experience

What are your personal goals for your time abroad?\* ⓘ

My personal goals for my time abroad are...

## How would friends and family describe you?\*



Flexible	Extroverted	Realistic
Introverted	Studious	Curious
Independent	Social	Patient
Adventurous	Open-minded	Other

Please tell us more about yourself such as hobbies or activities you enjoy. What makes you, YOU?\*

The hobbies and activities I enjoy are...



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### What's your experience with AFS, other exchange programs, and travel in general?

- A family member went abroad with AFS
- My family hosted an AFS student
- I've studied with AFS or another exchange organization
- I've traveled abroad
- I've lived abroad
- None of above

### Would your family be interested in hosting an AFS student?

- Yes
- No

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STAGE 2

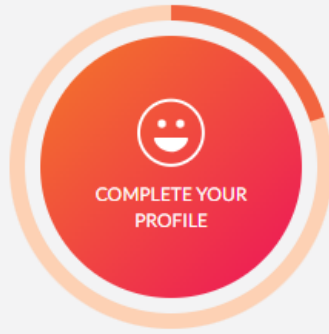
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# JANE, it looks like you are eligible for the program(s) below!

Now, it is time to select your top program choice to move onto the next stage of your application. Keep in mind that program eligibility cannot be confirmed until your full application is received. If you do not see any programs listed below, please contact the AFS Study Abroad Team at [studyabroad@afsusa.org](mailto:studyabroad@afsusa.org) to discuss options.

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✓ **SELECTED**



**AFS Year Program in France (Fall Semester Departure)**  
DESTINATION FRANCE

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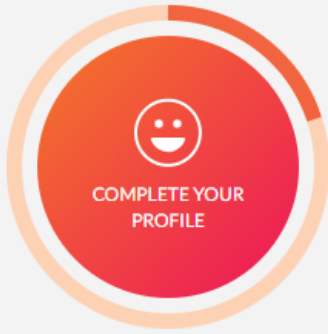


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# JANE, help us get to know you—complete your profile and add pictures!

janedoe@gmail.com

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## Citizenship ?

United States

## Do you have dual citizenship?\* ?

No  Yes

## About Parents

### Parent/Legal Guardian \* ?

Father  Mother  Other

### Parent/Guardian Name\*

### Parent Primary Email\*

### Parent Primary Phone\* ?

United States (+1)

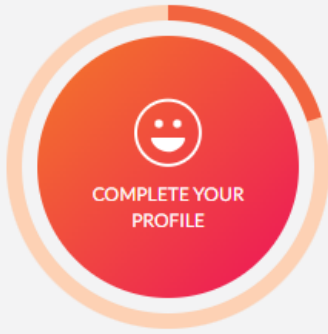


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# JANE, help us get to know you—complete your profile and add pictures!

janedoe@gmail.com

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## Who lives at home with you?

Mother - 1 +	Father - 0 +
Stepmother - 0 +	Stepfather - 0 +
Sister/Stepsister - 0 +	
Brother/Stepbrother - 0 +	
Grandmother - 0 +	Grandfather - 0 +
Other	

## Your social accounts ⓘ

If you are interested, we would love to connect with you on social media so that we can share and create content together that will help to showcase your experience!

Instagram

TikTok

### Your Profile Photo\* ⓘ

Please upload a clear photo of you looking straight on and smiling. A photo similar to a school portrait is most appropriate. Double check your photo isn't too small as it can appear blurry in your application!



### Your Photos\* ⓘ

Please upload 8 photos that give us a glimpse of who are. You should upload photos of you with family, friends, and doing activites you enjoy. We do not recommend uploading photos with any filters on them. Be sure to also include captions with your photos and indicate where you are in each photo!

*Tip: Please use clear image files with a maximum size of 10MB. We recommend uploading photos in file formats jpeg or png.*



### Your Profile Photo\* ⓘ

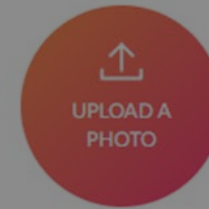
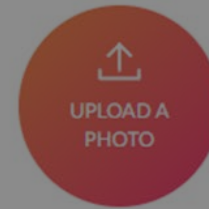
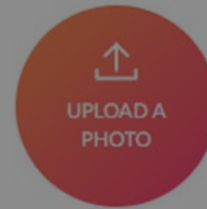
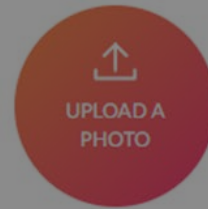
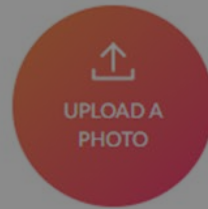
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**UPLOAD A PHOTO**

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[Upload Files](#) Or drop files

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NEW APPLICATION

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Completed!

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## Tell us more about your needs to match you with a host family

AFS seeks to affirm faith in the dignity and worth of every human being and of all nations and cultures. We encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction. All our activities are based on our core values of dignity, respect for differences, harmony, sensitivity, and tolerance. The information requested is not being used for illegal preferences or criteria for acceptance in the AFS program itself.

### What is your religious affiliation?

**AFS cannot guarantee that your host family will have the same religious affiliation. How strongly do you feel about having access to religious services of your own faith?\***

- Not necessary    Required

*The placement scenarios listed below are more common in some countries than in others. This section describes how open you are to these placements in order to support the AFS hosting organization in identifying a placement for you/your participant.*

*Flexibility opens up your placement possibilities to a larger group of families and locations.*

### Are you open to any of the following host family placements?

- Same-Sex Parent household (two parents of the same gender)  
 Single Parent placement (a single adult in the household, with no children in the home)  
 Double placement (a host family hosting two students at the same time from different cultures)  
 None

### Which of the following best describes your ability to live with household pets?\*

- I am allergic to both cats and dogs and cannot live with with pets in the home  
 I am allergic to cats/dogs but am fine to live in a home with them so long as they do not enter my bedroom  
 I am fine to live with both cats and dogs  
 I am fine to live with cats, but cannot live with dogs  
 I am fine to live with dogs, but cannot live with cats



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## About You

Describe yourself as a student. What subjects do you enjoy? Are you involved in school activities? What would you like to study in the future?

The subjects I enjoy are...

What are your personal goals for your time abroad?

My personal goals for my time abroad are...

Please tell us more about yourself such as hobbies or activities you enjoy. What makes you, YOU?

The hobbies and activities I enjoy are...

## Optional questions

*The following questions are optional and are intended to assist AFS in supporting you throughout the application process. Please note that during the application process your parent(s)/guardian(s) may need access to your application and can view this information. Providing this information is voluntary and is not considered by AFS-USA for application acceptance. This information is not being requested for the purpose of illegal preferences. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this privately, you can speak with one of our Study Abroad Specialists.*

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ Community?

Please indicate which ethnicity you most identify with:\*



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# JANE >> France

[AFS Year Program in France \(Fall Semester Departure\)](#)

DURATION  
10 months

START DATE  
3 Sept 2026

PROGRAM FEE  
USD 16 800

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Your Profile

## Great work! You are one step closer to completing your application!

You now have new tasks on your To Do list. Click on each task for its instructions. The information you provide will help us assess your AFS-USA application. You will also begin to engage your parent/guardian(s) in the application process and inform us if you would like to apply and be considered for scholarships and aid. Your application will undergo an additional, more detailed review by the AFS Study Abroad Team to confirm your program eligibility, only after you have submitted all the below To Do items. If you have a question about the tasks, reach out to us via chatter below or to [studyabroad@afsusa.org](mailto:studyabroad@afsusa.org). After the review and discussion with the AFS staff about your program choice(s) you will enter the last stage of the application where you will be asked to complete the remaining tasks, such as having your doctor complete a health form, school complete an academic form.

To do list



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 To do list 

- [DUE 11-26-2025 - WELCOME TO YOUR AFS STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION!](#)
- [DUE 11-26-2025 - COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE](#)
- [DUE 11-26-2025 - INTRODUCE YOURSELF](#)
- [DUE 11-26-2025 - COMPLETE ESSAY QUESTIONS](#)
- [DUE 11-26-2025 - PARENT OR GUARDIAN STATEMENT](#)
- [DUE 11-26-2025 - SCHOLARSHIP: INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN AFS-USA'S GLOBAL CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

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## Welcome to your AFS Study Abroad Application!

Congrats on taking the first step toward a meaningful intercultural experience with AFS-USA! Founded in 1914, we're excited that you're joining more than 500,000 alumni who believe in the power of connecting across cultures. Learn more about us [here](#).

Your application will guide you through a series of **to-do** items. They will be reviewed by our Study Abroad team, and once complete, your application will be done and ready for a final review by our overseas partners. Make sure to present yourself in the best light - as your application will eventually be used to pair you with a volunteer host family!

There are two stages of the application: First, you'll complete to-dos that allow us to confirm your eligibility for your program and begin the scholarship process (if desired). Once these are completed, we will confirm your eligibility for your desired program, and afterwards, you'll unlock new to-do items to complete. These last to-do items will represent your the second part of the application process.

**Your full application is due by February 1, 2026** which means that all of your to-do items must be complete. Be sure to stay on top of each task so you can meet the deadline. **To be considered for our scholarships, [please complete your scholarship application tasks by December 5, 2025](#).**

If you have any questions about the program, please "chat" into your application, contact us at [studyabroad@afsus.org](mailto:studyabroad@afsus.org) or call us at 1-800-237-4636 ext. 1. You or your family can also join a live AFS Info session, [here](#)!

Click "submit" to complete your first to-do. We're excited for your Study Abroad experience with AFS! Let's get started!

× Cancel

✓ SAVE & CONTINUE



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NEW APPLICATION



Get Started

Completed!



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About You



Next Steps



Accepted



Get Ready



Bon Voyage



RETURNED



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# Introduce yourself!

This section is an opportunity for AFS and your future host family to learn more about you! Be sure to put thought into these questions as this will be the first impression that your host family will have of you. We recommend that you answer each question in 3-5 sentences. If your program does not have a host family, this information is still helpful for AFS to learn more about you and your interest in studying abroad.

**What are 5 things which are unique to you that you want to share with your host family? Be sure to keep it positive!\***

Remember, the more you write the more helpful it is for them to get to know you. We recommend at least 3-4 sentences.

**Describe a normal day in your life and with your family.\***

What are your morning activities? What is your school day like, what do you do after school and in the evenings? What is your role in your family?

**Tell your host family what you are bringing to the experience - what are your hopes?\***

What would you like to share with your family? With your school and community?

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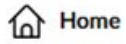
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Please click [here](#) to download and complete the essay questions. Once finished, upload the file to this to-do item and click submit. If you're using a mobile device, we recommend saving the file to Google Drive.

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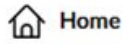
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## SCHOLARSHIP: INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN AFS-USA'S GLOBAL CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Please let us know if you'd like to be considered for AFS scholarships or aid by completing this task. Regardless of interest, all applicants are asked to complete this task.

This form tells us if you're interested in applying for financial assistance or not, and completing it does not complete your scholarship application. This is the **first step** in the scholarship and aid process. If you plan to apply, it helps us understand your family's financial situation and should be completed with input from your parent or guardian.

 [Click HERE to download the AFS-USA Global Citizen Scholarships and Aid Interest Form](#)

After completing the form:

1. Upload it to this to-do item.
2. Click **Submit** to complete the task.
3. Once AFS reviews your form and you've finished your first set of tasks, you'll gain access to the scholarship application.

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## Wonderful! You have reached the final stage of your full application!

You have unlocked new tasks on your To Do list! Click on each task for their unique instructions. At this stage, please anticipate outreach from an AFS volunteer who will reach out to you to schedule an interview. Only after all tasks are submitted and the interview is complete, AFS-USA will review your application for acceptance and provide a scholarship award, if applicable. To be considered for scholarships and financial aid, you must fill out the FAST application to-do item.

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## SCHOLARSHIP: FAST APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

AFS-USA's Global Citizen Scholarships and Aid application deadline is December 5, 2025.

- We strongly recommend that you complete your FAST application a few days before the scholarship deadline as it takes time to complete it in full. Submitting the FAST application in full does not guarantee its completion. Rather, it is considered complete upon FAST's confirmation.

AFS-USA utilizes the services of **FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition)** to assess the financial needs of students applying for our needs-based scholarships. FAST is a third-party organization widely used by colleges and educational institutions.

In order to be eligible for need-based scholarships, please follow the below instructions. It will be critical to include your parent(s)/guardians(s) in this step. *If you do not want to be considered for financial aid, please let AFS know.*

### HOW TO APPLY:

- **STEP ONE:** To apply, you must complete and submit a [FAST application](#), which will ask for your family's supporting tax documents. *Please save the FAST Application link on your computer or phone!*
- Click [this link](#) to create and complete your [Financial Assessment Application \(FAST\)](#). Their application fee is \$53. Students who do not submit a FAST application will not be considered for need based scholarships.
- All parent(s)/guardian(s) MUST upload their required tax documents to the FAST application. The application is NOT considered complete until these documents are provided.
  - If any documents are missing after uploading the tax documents, FAST will send an email request to the email under which your FAST application is registered titled "Your taxes have been received - but incomplete". *This is not a spam!*
- **STEP TWO:** After you have submitted your FAST application, upload a confirmation of your FAST Application's Submission to this to-do item.


### FOR ASSISTANCE:

- FAST has created the below resources:
  - Click [HERE](#) for a User Guide for Families.
  - Click [HERE](#) for a General FAQ.
  - Click [HERE](#) for an FAQ on required tax forms.




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## WRITE AND UPLOAD A LETTER TO YOUR FUTURE HOST FAMILY

There is a host family looking for you! This letter is your chance to introduce yourself and help them get to know you. Write in a friendly and natural way—like you are writing to a future friend.

- 1) Say Hello and Introduce Yourself: Name, age, and something about where you live. How would your friends describe you?
- 2) Talk About your Life at Home: Who is in your family? Do you have siblings or pets?
- 3) Share Your Hobbies & Interests: What do you love? (sports, music, art) Do you have a special skill? What do you hope to continue?
- 4) Motivation What do you hope to learn and experience? Why this program? What will you share from your culture?
- 5) End with gratitude and excitement!

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## Teacher's Recommendation

### Instructions:

A recommendation must be submitted for you by a teacher or administrator at your school who can speak to your personality and your ability to participate in a study abroad program. **Prior to completing this task**, please ask this person if they will be able to complete a brief recommendation form for you.

This teacher should not be the same person completing your Academic History form.

You **may continue** your AFS application before your teacher submits their recommendation form.


### Instructions:

1. Ask a current or recent teacher (or administrator) if they will provide a brief recommendation (approx. 10 mins) for you as part of your AFS Study Abroad application.
2. Add the Contact Information for the teacher completing the recommendation in the text box in this task.
3. Insert your teacher's email address and click send to prompt the recommendation form to be sent to your teacher. Please remind them that you have identified them as being willing to complete the teacher recommendation form and ask them to look for an email from AFS-USA.



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## Enter Your Health Information

The information requested is not being used for illegal preferences. The information requested on this page will not be used as criteria for acceptance in the program.

### Allergies

Do you have allergies?

Yes  No

### Asthma

Do you have asthma?

Yes  No

### Celiac disease

Do you have Celiac disease? (or gluten intolerance?)

Yes  No

### Diabetes

Do you have Diabetes?

Yes  No



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## Enter Your Health Information

### Dental

When was your last visit to the Dentist?

Do you wear braces or will you need orthodontic care while on the program?

Candidates who wear braces and will need orthodontic care while on program should be prepared to pay for all expenses as care for braces and orthodontia is not covered by the AFS Travel Medical plan.

Yes  No

### Medications

Do you take any medications?

Yes  No

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## SUBMIT YOUR ACADEMIC HISTORY ⓘ

We need an overview of your academic history. Please download the AFS Academic Form and have it completed, signed, and stamped by a school official. AFS cannot accept a copy of your school transcript. All courses and grades must be transcribed on to the form. All sections of this form must be completed, including the statement of motivation. If you are in 9th or 10th grade, AFS requests that you transcribe your grades from 7th and/or 8th grade onto this form. AFS cannot accept a form that does not have a school stamp or seal to affirm its validity. If a form is uploaded incomplete, this may result in your application being rejected from the program.

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## Passport Information

A passport is required for international travel. Please fill out your passport information and upload a clear, color copy of your passport photo and signature page. Your passport MUST be valid for at least 6 months after your program end date. If you are applying for, or renewing, your passport, leave the below fields blank until you receive your new passport in the mail. AFS can proceed with your application processing without your new passport, but we need confirmation that you have begun the process. If you have not begun the process of applying for, or renewing, your passport then we strongly urge you to begin this process as soon as possible. Once you have received your new passport, please contact AFS to receive access to this section of your application.

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### Passport Name

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### Salutation ⓘ

Ms.

### Passport Number ⓘ

12345678

### Issue Date ⓘ

11-02-2021

### Passport Expiration Date ⓘ

11-01-2031

### Country of Issue ⓘ

United States



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Country of legal residence ⓘ

United States ▼

Place of birth ⓘ

NORTH CAROLINA, U.S.A.

Birth Country ⓘ

United States ▼

Passport Sex

Female ▼

Do you have dual citizenship?\*

Yes  No

T-shirt Information

Unisex Size\* ⓘ

Small ▼

Upload a color copy of your passport\*

Please upload a color copy of the photo and signature page of your valid passport. You are applying for a new passport or to renew a passport, please only upload a receipt confirming you have submitted your passport application. Dual citizens should upload both passports that they have. AFS will use this information to assist in your visa process if required.

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## CREATE AND UPLOAD YOUR INTRODUCTION VIDEO

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This video helps your host family get to know you beyond just your profile!

Please send us a **30-second video in English**, introducing yourself. Only mention your **first name** and **country of origin** (do not share your city or address).

In your video:

- Share your **motivation** for going to your host country.
- If you know the language, feel free to **say a few words in it!**
- Say something that will **help the right family connect with you**—maybe a hobby, interest, or something unique about you.

This video will be shared with potential host families to help us find the best match for you.

By default, your video will only be shared internally with potential host families. It will **not** be used in public Host Family Recruitment Campaigns (such as on social media) **unless** you and your parents give permission by signing an extra consent form.

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## SUBMIT YOUR HEALTH CERTIFICATE BY ⓘ

Your health and safety is our first priority! We need an official overview of your medical history. Please download the AFS health certificate to be completed by your physician. Once complete, upload the form, and any additional statements, back to this section of your application. All sections of the health certificate must be completed. Forms with blank sections will be returned to you. Your immunization history must be transcribed on the AFS form. AFS cannot accept a copy of your immunization history. Please only upload completed pages to this section. Do not upload a blank form. If a form is not required as part of your health history, do not upload it as part of your completed packet. This form must be signed and stamped by your physician. The form requires your signature and one parent/guardian signature. The information requested is not being used for illegal preferences. The information requested on this page will not be used as criteria for acceptance in the program.

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## UPLOAD THE PARENTAL TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION ⓘ

This form is related to the travel medical insurance provided during the program to secure consent related to enrollment, medical claims processing and reimbursements and access to medical data. Please download it, read it carefully, have it signed and upload it here.

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