

# Study Abroad Scholarships



*"I can't thank Visy and AFS enough for granting me this amazing scholarship resulting in a lifetime of memories. I loved it so much and it was great meeting so many new people and a new culture as well as improving my French language."*

- William, 2016 Visy scholarship recipient



Visy is offering permanent staff member's children or grandchildren the opportunity to live and study abroad in France, Italy, Germany or China in late 2017.

**APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

## About AFS

AFS Intercultural Programs, established in 1947, is a worldwide non-profit, volunteer organisation operating intercultural student exchange programs in more than 50 countries. AFS has been operating in Australia since 1959 and has sent over 10,000 student on exchange and study abroad programs.

## Why become an AFS Exchange Student?

### 1) Stand out from the crowd

International experience is a critical and impressive part of any resume. Employers today value globally-competent employees, and actively recruit people with international study experience and foreign language skills. Through an employer's eyes, a student who has studied abroad is self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations.

### 2) Develop intercultural and global competencies

Possessing intercultural and global competencies is becoming increasingly important in our personal, academic and professional lives. Intercultural and global competencies are defined as the ability to understand different cultural contexts and viewpoints, working effectively in diverse teams, demonstrating respect for others, and accepting difference in cultural contexts, viewpoints, and new ways of thinking.

### 3) Learn a language

There is no better and more effective way to learn a language than to be immersed in a culture that speaks the language you are learning. Your daily interactions and conversations expose you to proper context, grammar, and usage, and language learning happens most quickly under these circumstances. Your ability to speak a second (or third) language is a life and job skill that is in high demand!

### 4) Experience another culture

Students who experience cultural differences personally can come to truly understand where other cultures are coming from, and return home with an informed and much less biased perspective toward other cultures and peoples.

**Number of scholarships available: 2**

**Program Dates: Nov/Dec 2017 - Jan 2018**

**Per scholarship value: \$7,500**

### Program Eligibility:

#### Program inclusions:

- International flights and all domestic transfers
- Host family placement- homestay with all meals included
- Enrolment at a local High School
- Orientations prior to departure, on arrival and at end of stay
- 24/7 support services
- Comprehensive medical insurance

- Be a student attending secondary school and be in year 9, 10, 11 or 12 in 2017
- Be between 15 and 18 at the time of program departure
- Be the child or grandchild of a permanent Visy employee
- Have a record of good health
- Demonstrate the ability and willingness to study conscientiously
- Show an aptitude to meet the challenges of living with a new family and community
- Willing to provide program updates to the sponsor throughout the program

**Are you eligible & interested in applying for this scholarship? Applications close 1st July 2017. To get your application started, contact us!**

**Giving us a call: 1300 131 736**

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