

# Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program

## Frequently Asked Questions – Potential AIYEP Host Families

### Why should I host an AIYEPer?

Hosting an AIYEP student gives you and your family an opportunity to learn about a new culture in your own home and community. In sharing your home, your heart and your world, both you and your host participants will have an unforgettable intercultural experience and become more globally competent citizens of the world. By participating in the AIYEP program specifically, host families will get to be part of a vast and growing network of some of our countries brightest and most influential. Host families play a major role in enhancing Australia's international relations.

### Who are the AIYEP participants?

AIYEPers are tertiary students, graduates or young professionals aged between 21 and 25 years.

### What is the specific schedule?

- **8 October – 14 October:** Arrival and orientation in Melbourne.
- **14 October – 2 November:** Participants spend three weeks with Melbourne-based host families while they undertake work experience placements.
- **2 November – 5 November:** Mid-stay break in Canberra.
- **5 November – 28 November:** Participants spend 3 weeks with Bendigo-based host families while they undertake community service placements.
- **28 November – 2 December:** Pre-departure orientation in Melbourne.
- **2 December:** Return to Indonesia.

### Are host families remunerated?

AIYEP Host families will be provided with supermarket and/or fuel vouchers to the value of A\$600 for the three weeks as a token of thanks for sharing their home with an AIYEPer.

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**What support is offered to AIYEP host families?**

The AIYEP program is delivered by AFS Intercultural Programs, a non-profit exchange organisation that specialises in intercultural learning and support frameworks. Host families can expect to be supported by dedicated staff and volunteers during their hosting experience. All host families will also be invited to attend an online host family orientation session prior to the participants' arrival.

**What type of families is AIYEP seeking?**

Any type of family can be an AIYEP host family. We encourage all variations of family to apply, there is no "typical" AIYEP host family

**Is there a selection process for host families?**

Interested host families can [enquire here](#). Once you have done this you will be sent an application form by our Project Coordinator. The application form helps us find a better match for you and your AIYEPer.

**What is expected of host families?**

1. Welcome your AIYEPer to participate in your family's daily lives and events.
2. The same care, support and comfort you provide to other members of your family, including meals.

**What will host families know about their guest beforehand?**

Prior to hosting, you will receive an information pack listing all details of your host participant, their arrival dates and any support contact details you will need.

**Can I host more than one?**

Yes. You can host 1 or 2 participants. If you host 2 participants, they will be of the same gender.

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