



**Intercultural  
Programs**  
*Australia*

Take your family on  
an amazing cultural  
journey, without  
leaving home...



**WE  
HOST FAMILIES**

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In February and July each year AFS welcomes students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life from 8 weeks to 11 months, to either attend a local high school or volunteer at a local community organisation. AFS places each participant with an Australian host family who have volunteered to open their home and hearts, and welcome a new family member into their lives. Hosting an AFS participant is your family's chance to experience a new culture in your own home and develop friendships that last a lifetime.

**Who is eligible to host?**

There is no typical AFS Host Family. AFS families cover a broad spectrum of ethnic, religious, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, both rural and urban. Families can have young or teenage children at home, be empty nesters with adult children, or be couples with no children. Single adults and single parents are also welcome, as are same sex couples. All host families are different, and that's what makes each participant's exchange experience unique!

The key to being a host family is the word 'family'. Your new son or daughter becomes a member of your family; they live as you do and experience your life. During the program, AFS provides a support network who are available to help support both your family and the participant.

What AFS is really looking for is a warm, caring and safe environment. In return, we do our best to match you with a student or volunteer compatible with your family's interests, personalities, and way of life.

To host, you must be aged 25+, have a valid Working With Children Check and be willing to go through our application process which includes an in-home interview.

**What hosting options are there?**

We offer a number of different hosting durations and commitments, based on what works best for your family...

<b>Intensive Program Families</b>	Duration of 8 to 12 weeks. Participants are aged between 15 and 18.
<b>School Program Families</b>	Duration of 5 to 11 months. Participants are aged between 15 and 18.
<b>18+ Volunteer Program Families</b>	Duration of 3 to 11 months. Participants will be at least 18 years old.

**What is required of an AFS Host Family?**

As a host family, you will provide your participant with:

- The opportunity to participate in your family's daily life
- The same care, support, and comfort you would any other member of your family
- A bed (not convertible or inflatable in nature, though sharing a room with a sibling of the same gender close in age is fine)
- Three meals a day.

To find out more about AFS go to [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au)



Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures

**Sounds interesting! I'd like to know more, what should I do now?**

To find out more about becoming an AFS Host Family, talk to your local AFS volunteer or call the AFS Hosting Team on 1300 131 736, visit [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host) or email [aus.hosting@afs.org](mailto:aus.hosting@afs.org)