Online Resources to Get Started

The U.S. Department of State offers study abroad scholarship opportunities for American high students and strives to represent the diversity of the United States, including persons with disabilities, in all exchange programs.

The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) offers merit-based scholarships to U.S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajiki), Russian and Turkish.

The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program offers scholarships to American high school students to spend the academic year in countries with significant Muslim populations.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy.

The American Youth Leadership Program offers opportunities for American high students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues.

Learn more at http://exchanges.state.gov/highschool
Each year, almost 2,000 U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange students from over 50 countries, all of whom have undergone a competitive, merit-based selection process, spend the academic year in communities across the United States.

**American Serbia and Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE)**
participants attend an American high school and live with an American host family.

**The Congress–Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX)** offers German students a scholarship to develop critical intercultural skills while learning what it is like to live and attend school in the United States.

**The Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)** provides scholarships for high school students, ages 15-17, from Eurasia to live with an American host family and attend an American high school.

**The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program** provides scholarships to high school students from countries with significant Muslim populations to live with host families, attend high school, engage in activities to learn about U.S. society and values, and educate others about their home countries and cultures.

Exchange students can help bring the world into your home and community.

Learn more at
http://hosting.state.gov

www.miusa.org/ncde

Our website features tip sheets, stories, best practices and more on supporting people with disabilities in all types of international exchange. Get your research off to a quick start by checking out some of our resources and related links.