

WORLD TRAVEL

WHAT: World travel companies offer programs for high school students to explore the daily life of another culture. Students live with host families, speak the local language and make new friends from around the world. Each organization offers programs for a summer, a semester or a full school year. Summer programs focus on cultural exchange, community service or ecological adventure. Semester or full-year programs also focus on academic and language enrichment. Students can choose to experience high school abroad or a GAP year after graduation.

WHY: The companies that send information to your high school were founded with the goal of promoting world peace and understanding through youth exchange. Benefits include learning a new culture and language, sharing the American culture, and learning to see the world through other people's eyes.

HOW do I choose which world travel program is right for me?

The following companies provide information to Bellingham high schools. Toll free phone numbers and websites are provided for you to contact any for information on their programs and scholarship opportunities.

- These companies are commercial ventures not affiliated with the Bellingham School District. The Career Center provides this list only as an informational service.

Academic Treks and Broadreach

(888) 833-1907 www.academictreks.com or www.broadreach.com

AFS International

198 Madison Ave. 8th Floor New York, NY 100116 1-800-AFS-INFO www.afsgps.org

ASSE International Student Exchange Program

1000 North 19 Street Kelso, WA 98626 1-360-501-5920 www.Larsam@aone.com

CIEE Council of International Educational Exchange

1-800-448-9944 www.ciee.org

Cultural Homestay International

2455 Bennett Valley Rd., Suite 210B Santa Rosa, CA 95404 1-800-395-2726

EF Global Tours

One Education Street Cambridge, MA 02141 www.eftours.com

Scholarship available for 1-week trip to Paris & London, plus \$1000 college scholarship for seniors.

NACEL Open Door

3410 Federal Drive, Suite 101 St. Paul, MN 55122 1-800-622-3553 Nacel@nacelopendoor.org

Projects Abroad

1-888-839-3535 www.projects-abroad.org

Rotary Youth Exchange

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Full scholarships available from local Rotaries. Contact the Career Center for applications.

Rustic Pathways

1-800-321-4353 gap@rusticpathways.com

The Experiment in International Living

Kipling Rd., P.O. Box 676, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0676 1-800-345-2929 www.usexperiment.org

The Traveling School

1-406-586-3096 www.TravelingSchool.com

Youth for Understanding International Exchange

3501 Newark St.NW Washington DC 20078-5150 1-800-TEENAGE

www.youthforunderstanding.org *Scholarships available on the web or through the Career Center.*

YMCA Teen International Exchange – World travel to Mexico

David Dopps, Whatcom Co. YMCA Earth Service Corps. 733-8630 #121

SCHOLARSHIP INFO Each of these companies have partial to full program scholarships available. When contacting for information, be sure to ask for scholarship information and how you can apply. Some companies offer special discounts for particular countries or programs - ask what might be available.

**Your high school Career Center receives scholarship applications for some of the above programs. Let the Career Center staff know that you are interested in when these applications become available throughout the school year.*