

# 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. 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.

**BroadReach-** global summer adventures

<https://www.gobroadreach.com/>

**AFS International**

<https://afs.org/>

**ASSE International Student Exchange Program**

<https://asse.com/>

**CIEE Council of International Educational Exchange-** high school summer abroad

[www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org)

**Cultural Homestay International**

<https://chinet.org>

**EF Global Tours**

<https://www.goaheadtours.com/>

**NACEL Open Door**

[Nacel@nacelopendoor.org](mailto:Nacel@nacelopendoor.org)

**Projects Abroad**

<https://www.projects-abroad.org/>

**Rotary Youth Exchange**

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>

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

**Rustic Pathways**

1-800-321-4353 [gap@rusticpathways.com/gap](mailto:gap@rusticpathways.com)

**The Experiment in International Living**

<https://www.experiment.org/>

**The Traveling School** – to empower young women academically, physically, and culturally- overseas

[www.TravelingSchool.com](http://www.TravelingSchool.com)

**Where There Be Dragons**

<https://www.wheretherebedragons.com/>

**Youth for Understanding International Exchange-** study or volunteer abroad

<https://www.yfuusa.org/>

**YMCA Global Teens-** Travel to Japan, India, Mexico

<https://www.seattleyymca.org/programs/youthprograms/globalprograms>

**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.*