



## THE GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

Global Ambassadors (GA's) are high school students who provide peer support, friendship, and cultural expertise to exchange students living in their community. GA's play a valuable role in helping each student quickly and successfully adapt and integrate into their host culture. We are looking for internationally-minded, responsible high school students who enjoy meeting new people and desire to make a difference in the world by building bridges between cultures. If this sounds like you, read on. . .



### Basic Responsibilities:

- Establish friendships with exchange students prior to their arrival through social media outlets such as Facebook
- Greet exchange students when they arrive to your community
- Introduce exchange students to their classmates and help them get involved in extra-curricular activities.
- Assist your Local Coordinator with orientation and student activities
- Provide ongoing support to students through regular communication
- Communicate regularly with your Local Coordinator
- Organize occasional social outings and/or service projects for students in your community.

### Is this position for me?

- Do you enjoy meeting new people and making them feel welcome?
- Are you interested in learning about other countries and cultures?
- Are you a responsible student who is willing to demonstrate leadership to your peers?
- Do you have a few hours each week to dedicate to a volunteer position?

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## Global Ambassador FAQ's

**Q: How old are these students, where do they come from, and for how long are they here?**

A: ICES students are 14-18 years old and come from all over the world to spend a semester or school year in the United States.

**Q: I don't know anything about exchange. Can I still be a GA?**

A: Absolutely! ICES will provide training materials that will help you understand exchange and equip you to be a great GA. If you are interested in countries and cultures, being a GA is a fantastic way to increase your knowledge.

**Q: Do I have to attend a school with ICES exchange students to be a GA?**

A: No. If there are no exchange students in your school, you can still provide support to students in nearby schools and possibly help your Local Coordinator bring new students to your school in the future.

**Q: There is already a GA at my school. Can I still apply?**

A: Absolutely. It is up to the local ICES staff to determine how many GA's they want in the area, but if you are a strong candidate, it's likely they will be excited to have your help.

**Q: Can seniors apply?**

A: Seniors are eligible, but are encouraged to give serious thought to the amount of time they have to offer. The position is flexible, but GA's are expected to devote time to the position on a consistent basis.

**Q: Can I be a GA if my family is hosting?**

A: Yes! Host siblings make wonderful GAs as you already understand some of the goals and challenges associated with exchange, but hosting is not a prerequisite to the GA position.

**Q: I'm interested! What's the next step?**

A: Contact us for more information or to request an application.

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