



Volunteer Position Description

Special Projects Volunteer: YES Student Cluster Leader

Introduction

The Youth Exchange and Study program (YES) was created in response to the events of September 11th, 2001 in order to build bridges of understanding between the United States and countries of the Arab and Muslim world. Being an exchange student in a foreign country exposes students to a wide range of new ideas and perspectives that can ultimately have a life-changing impact on a person. In an effort to create greater understanding of US culture, the YES program has specific goals for students meant to expose them to a wide range of ideas and practices that are important to the culture of the United States. Specifically, the YES program is designed to help students:

1. increase their understanding of American society and values;
2. foster leadership skills;
3. encourage community and civic responsibility/volunteerism;
4. Address issues of tolerance and diversity, including interfaith dialogue.

Position Description

Serve as a leader for a cluster of YES students, helping organize them to fulfill the YES requirements for Community Service Projects, Enhancement Activities, the Leadership Mentoring Program and Education and Service Celebrations. Report YES student activities to the YFU USA National Office on a quarterly basis.

Details

Community Service Projects

- Provide students with community resources and ideas for volunteer service;
- Help students develop or get involved in an existing community service project or volunteer activity;
- Encourage each student to complete 20 hours of community service between arrival and June;
- Assist students in maintaining Community Service Logs;
- Collect photocopies of students' Community Service Logs and submit to the YFU USA National Office on a quarterly basis.

Enhancement Activities

- Using funds available through YFU, organize a minimum of two local enhancement activities giving students an opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn about civic education, or give back to the community and school which is hosting them.

Leadership Mentoring Program

- Help student select a mentor for their Leadership Mentoring Program;
- Discuss how meetings with their mentors are going;
- Assist students in maintaining Mentor Logs;
- Collect photocopies of students' Mentor Logs and submit to the YFU USA National Office on a quarterly basis.

Education and Service Celebrations

- Facilitate student participation in events associated with International Education Week and Global Youth Service Day.

Materials

- YES Lounge on my.yfu.org
- YES Student Required Activities Booklet – staff Version

Requirements

- Have an interest in working with students from YES countries.
- Willingness to closely track funds and activities and report activities quarterly.
- Proximity to cluster of YES students (within 120 miles).
- Participate in cluster coordinator calls.

Minimum Training Requirement

- Review of the YES Student Required Activities Booklet – staff Version.

Estimated Time Commitment

- 5 -10 hours per month.