

Opportunities to study or travel in foreign countries are abundant. You may want to consult a directory, such as *Peterson's Summer Opportunities*, also available on-line, for additional suggestions. Some programs are limited to the summer, others last a semester or the entire school year. Some focus on fun and sight-seeing, others provide immersion in a foreign language and/or academic credit. The *Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs* publishes an advisory list. It can be accessed at [www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org) and provides links to the web sites of programs it has evaluated.

### AFS-USA, Inc.

Founded by World War I ambulance drivers, AFS has been promoting peace through high school student exchanges since 1947. Programs include academic year abroad, semester abroad, summer homestay programs that may involve outdoor adventure or service abroad, and summer language study. Costs include program fees and personal expenses. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Call 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit [www.afs.org/usa](http://www.afs.org/usa).

### YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Dedicated to creating a more peaceful and cooperative world through understanding and friendship, this large cultural exchange organization promotes study and travel in 44 countries. Programs include academic year abroad, semester abroad, summer homestay programs, and *Sports for Understanding*. Costs include program fees and personal expenses. The *World Affairs Council of Northern California* offers (2) \$2,000 scholarships for YFU programs. Apply for these scholarships in the fall. Call 1-800-833-6243 or visit [www.yfu.org](http://www.yfu.org).

### JAPAN-U.S. SENATE and FINLAND-U.S. SENATE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Youth for Understanding administers these two programs, each of which provides partial scholarships for two California students to live with a host family during the summer following the junior year in high school. Deadlines to apply are in the fall of the junior year. Knowledge of the language is not a requirement. Students interested in being nominated should contact the Career/College Advisor at your high school, or google the name of the program for information on-line.

### CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The United States Congress sponsors a full year exchange program to live and study in Germany for students aged 15 to 18. Download an application at: [www.ASSE.com](http://www.ASSE.com) or <http://www.usgermanyscholarship.org>.

### EF FOUNDATION FOR FOREIGN STUDY

This organization offers academic year or semester study programs in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. Costs include program fees and personal expenses. Partial scholarships are available, and families who host a student from another country will receive a \$500 reduction in program fees. Apply for scholarships by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Call 1-800-992-1892 or visit [www.ef.com](http://www.ef.com).

Foreign Language teachers are good sources of information about summer study abroad options. Information about locally sponsored programs, such as *Rotary International's Western States Short Term Summer Youth Exchange*, may be available at your College & Career Center. Also consult the *Summer Opportunities Bulletin*, which is posted at Northgate High School's Parent Club web site: [www.northgatehs-pfc.com](http://www.northgatehs-pfc.com). Click-on the **College and Career Center** and **Summer Opportunities Bulletin** buttons. The Bulletin is updated twice a month, February through May.