

Exchange and Application Information

2019 Going Global Exchanges



The 4-H Canada Going Global Exchange program gives 4-H members an opportunity to be part of an intercultural experience while learning about sustainable agriculture and food security issues.

Travel and stay with 4-H'ers from other countries

The Going Global Exchange is a reciprocal international exchange where you will be twinned – or paired together – with a 4-H member from another country. Be a community champion as you welcome traveling 4-H youth into your home, your club and your country!

While the travel is exciting, opening up your home to host a 4-H delegate from abroad is also a valuable experience. In the role of host, you, as a Canadian delegate, will learn more about your own community and country, and see agriculture and food security through the eyes of your twin.

Host countries

Twelve exchange opportunities in six countries are available for 4-H members in summer 2019! Click on the host countries to learn more about each country:

- [United Kingdom \(2 exchanges\)](#)
- [Finland \(2 exchanges\)](#)
- [Taiwan \(2 exchanges\)](#)
- [Jamaica \(2 exchanges\)](#)
- [Kosovo \(3 exchanges\)](#)
- [Argentina \(1 exchange\)](#)

[Learn what an exchange in each country entails.](#)

When applying, you will identify your **top three choices**. While 4-H Canada strives to give applicants the opportunity to travel to one of their chosen countries, this cannot be guaranteed.

Travel times

4-H Canada members will travel to their selected countries for two to four weeks and then host their twin for another three to four weeks. Travel times may be flexible and occur between the months of May and August.

Travel dates are determined through conversation between selected participants and the partner countries, facilitated by 4-H Canada.

4-H Canada will book the flights and provide itineraries to the traveling delegate.

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Registration and costs

The registration fee for the Going Global Exchange is \$600.

The registration fee includes travel from the closest international airport and a guarantee of most accommodation and meals during travels. Most in-country travel should be provided by the hosts.

4-H Canada covers the cost of air transportation.

As a delegate, you should be prepared to pay:

- For any checked luggage
- Passport, vaccines, visas (if applicable)
- Some ground transportation (though most should be covered by hosts)
- Some meals (though most should be covered by hosts)
- The costs associated with hosting a member in your own home
- Spending money while on exchange

Accommodation

4-H Canada works with exchange countries and the 4-H members to arrange a host family in the country.

The Canadian delegate's family is expected to host the incoming exchange twin, or identify an alternative home in their community for the youth to stay. The hosts must participate in the 4-H Canada host family screening process. Host families will be offered a stipend to help offset the costs of hosting, which will be paid once a completed stipend form is received by 4-H Canada (after the exchange is completed).

Screening requirements for host families include:

- Criminal Record Checks for all adults over 18 years of age in the home
- Provision of three family and home references
- Online application form, including photos verifying the suitability of home

Application and selection

The Going Global Exchange program is open to 4-H members and alumni aged 18 to 25 years who are in good standing with their province.

Applications will be received online at exchange.4-h-canada.ca from October 30, 2018 to January 15, 2019.

A 4-H Canada selection committee reviews each application and will shortlist delegates for phone or video conference interviews.

Skills and qualifications include:

- Mature 4-H members, possibly with previous travel experience
- Flexibility – members should be able to adapt to changing realities, to remain calm and comfortable with ambiguity
- A global interest – members should have a sound understanding of some global concepts like food security, development, and volun-tourism



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- Capability of working independently and with a team
- Strong contributions to 4-H in their club, province, and country

What members from last year are saying

"These trips are forever something that I will cherish with everything I have. They have taught me so much and I would hope that every 4-H'er gets the chance to travel this way at least once in their lives."

"This is an incredible opportunity that I wish every 4-H'er could have access to. The exchange allows you to discover so much about yourself and other cultures...it's transformative!"

"I learnt so much about the issues that there are in this world and that there is potential for them to be fixed. I learnt so much about a place I thought I could only dream about going to. My twin also made me think about the way we do things and how to change things locally."

For more information

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