



## ABOUT US

ARISE (Association Representing International Student Exchange) sponsors highly qualified international students, ages 14-18, and places them in fully screened and selected American host families and high schools for a semester or academic year. Its founders have over 25 years of experience in the field of cultural exchange at the high school level.

Everyone involved in ARISE's program, from our main office to our international partners and local area representatives strive to create the experience of a lifetime for the student and the host family. Our host families are open and caring and treat the students, not simply as guests, but as true members of the family. Students are encouraged to participate in the family's daily activities and to involve themselves in extracurricular activities at their school. Our goal is to create lifelong relationships between the students and host families.

## Select F-1 Program

The Select F-1 Program allows students to study in the U.S. at a school/location of their choice. ARISE works with Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-Certified schools throughout the U.S. Students can choose from public schools, private schools and boarding schools, depending upon their preference. Program fees vary depending upon the school and location; however, there are schools in a variety of price ranges to meet the student's budget. Upon applying for the program, the student and his/her natural parents simply provide ARISE with their preferred budget, and we present them with information on schools that fit their specific financial and educational needs.



## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM?

- ◆ School tuition (All schools certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue the I-20 form are required by regulations to charge tuition.)
- ◆ Placement of the student in a fully screened, highly qualified host family.
- ◆ Room and board provided by the host family, unless the student chooses to attend a boarding school.
- ◆ Transportation of the student to/from the airport.
- ◆ Health insurance coverage
- ◆ Online orientation prior to the student's arrival in the U.S.
- ◆ Orientation conducted by the local area representative after the student's arrival in the U.S.
- ◆ Assistance and guidance from a local area representative, as well



## ASSISTANCE FROM ARISE:

ARISE is dedicated to providing unparalleled assistance to its students, host families and schools. Our local area representatives are thoroughly trained and are assigned with the task of maintaining monthly contact with the students and host families throughout the school year. They complete monthly evaluation reports and provide all parties with assistance and guidance when needed. All area representatives must reside within 120-miles of the host family's residence. ARISE's main office is also available to help when ever needed, and a full-time counselor is able to assist students and host families with the resolution of any problems.

**Program Dates:** Spring Semester (January 2021-June 2021); Fall Semester (August 2021-December 2021); Academic Year (August 2021-June 2022)

**Total Cost for the Academic Year Program:** Varies (A non-refundable application fee of \$400 must be remitted upon applying.)\*

**Total Cost for the Semester Program:** Varies (A non-refundable application fee of \$400 must be remitted upon applying.)\*

\*Students are responsible for expenses, such as books, school uniforms, school lunches, participation in extracurricular activities, enrollment in AP (Advanced Placement) classes, etc.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### To qualify, students must be:

- Between the ages of 14-18 years of age.
- Demonstrate maturity and the ability to live far from home for a period of an academic year.
- English requirements vary depending upon the school; however, students must possess sufficient proficiency in English to participate in an American classroom.
- Have the motivation and desire to fully immerse themselves



### HOST FAMILIES

ARISE places its students in fully screened and highly qualified host families. Any family interested in hosting one of our students must complete an application, provide at least 3 personal references, and all members of the host family who are age 18 or older must undergo a criminal background check. An ARISE area representative will also meet with the family in their home prior to the student's arrival to assure that they are able to provide appropriate accommodations for the student. ARISE will also be provided with photos of the host family and their home. All host families are required to complete ARISE's online Host Family Orientation prior to the student's arrival in the U.S.

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### WHY CHOOSE ARISE?

- ⇒ The founders of ARISE have over 25 years of experience in the field of academic and cultural exchange programs for teenagers.
- ⇒ ARISE offers a variety of schools and locations to choose from, making our program incomparable to others.
- ⇒ ARISE offers unparalleled support and assistance to both students and host families throughout the duration of the program.
- ⇒ An ARISE staff member is available at any time in an emergency via a toll-free emergency number.

### HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in participating in our program, please complete our online application form to get started!

<https://form.jotform.com/ariseusa/student-application>

Additional documents will be required, such as school transcripts, health & immunization records, personal video, recommendations, etc.

***Have Questions? Contact Us Today!***

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