

DEWITT WALLACE DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Step Up. Stand Out. Study Abroad in 2007 with AFS!

A National Youth Leadership Initiative for Deserving Scholars

Thanks to the DeWitt Wallace Youth Travel Enrichment Fund and other generous donors, AFS offers high school students and recent graduates from diverse backgrounds scholarships and financial aid for programs abroad—year, semester, and summer— in more than 40 countries. You can perform community service and receive credit hours, have an outdoor adventure, achieve a better understanding of a language, or simply live everyday life with a family. Our community service programs include a homestay—the hallmark of AFS—which provides the opportunity to live with and learn from a carefully selected host family. The length of the homestay varies with the particular program.

Benefit by Living Abroad

- * Have a real adventure
- * Gain a college and career advantage
- * Learn a new language
- * Experience another culture
- * Make new friends



“Going to Costa Rica as an AFS Student was truly a life-altering experience which allowed me to expand my world view, improve my Spanish skills, and meet a family whose generosity and caring has left an indelible mark on my heart.”

Krystle M. Davis, U.S./Costa Rica,
Language Study Program, 2001



DeWitt Wallace Diversity Scholars Program

Checklist:

- * Have a birth date between March 1989 and September 1991.
- * Call AFS Info Center 1-800-AFS-INFO
- * Submit Pre-Application and \$75 Application Fee
- * Start Fundraising
- * Schedule Medical Appointment
- * Apply for Your Passport
- * Request School Transcript
- * Complete Full Application including Letter to Host Family, Parent Statement, Your Photo Page

For more information:

1-800-AFS-INFO

www.afs.org/usa or Rendolph H. Walker,

Diversity Recruitment Manager,
rwalker@afs.org,

1-800-876-2376 Ext. 1172

Eligibility Requirements:

DeWitt Wallace Scholars are young people (15-24) from traditionally under-served and under-represented groups whose family income is below \$65,000. A DeWitt Wallace applicant should:

- * Be a student of color or student with a disability;
- * Be highly recommended by a teacher, counselor, religious advisor, or other community leader;
- * Have demonstrated leadership potential through involvement in school or community service;
- * Have a strong interest in cultures other than his/her own;
- * Be committed to undertaking ambitious fundraising activities;
- * Have at least a 2.8 GPA for year and semester programs; and
- * Be a U.S. Citizen or in the process of becoming a U.S. Citizen.

Deadlines:

Participants should submit applications as soon as possible because programs fill up quickly, and there are more scholarship funds available early in the process. These scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early.



AFS-USA Mission:

AFS-USA works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools and communities through a global volunteer partnership.

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