Participants sought for 4-H youth exchanges

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4-H exchange programs to Japan, Finland and Costa Rica are now accepting applications for summer 2015 exchanges.

The deadline to apply for the States’ 4-H International Exchange Program is Dec. 15. Participants are placed with a host sibling of the same gender and a similar age, and they experience everyday life during a three- or four-week homestay with their host families.

Youths do not have to be current 4-H members to apply but they must be 15 to 18 years old when they participate in the Costa Rica and Finland programs. Participants in the Japanese program may be 12 to 18 years old.

Dates for the Costa Rica trip are June 18 to July 17; Finland, June 9 to Aug. 1; and Japan, July 8 to Aug. 6. The Japanese program has an eight-week option that includes a four-week intensive Japanese language program.

Program fees cover everything except personal expenses. Costs vary from $1,350 to $1,990 for the four-week programs, plus airfare. To apply, contact Jason Floyd, the Alaska 4-H coordinator, at 907-262-5824 orjfloyd1@alaska.edu. For more information, go to www.alaska4h.org/outbound.html.

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