

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

(This program operates some years. The next travel year has not yet been established.)

International Program
Ohio 4-H Finland Homestay
For Ohio 4-H'ers ages 15-19 years old (as of date of travel)

DATE/DEADLINE:

Applications for the next delegation, which will travel from mid-June – mid-July, will be due in the State 4-H Office by mid-January of the year of travel.

LOCATION/LEVEL:

Finland; nationwide

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Full information can be found in upcoming International Programs Booklet, which will be mailed to all county offices, former host families and other interested parties in early January of each year. For an application packet, please contact thalheimer.1@osu.edu Please make potential participants aware of this opportunity. The cost of the program will be approximately \$3,800 and will be payable in installments. Registration information and forms can be found on the web at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international/index.html>.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships of at least \$1,000 will be offered to all selected participants. Scholarships are based on selection interviews and hosting history.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

To provide Ohio 4-H youth with an opportunity to...

- * learn a new way of life by living it during a 4-week homestay program.
- * become part of a Finnish family and learn more about themselves and Finland in the process.
- * face the challenge of representing 4-H, Ohio and the United States.
- * share their experiences with Ohioans upon their return.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Each year, Ohio youth join 15 youth from around the country in the 4-H Finland Exchange. The State 4-H Office provides all support for the program, including orientation, travel arrangements, etc. The youth are welcomed into the home of a Finnish host family, where they learn about the Finnish culture on an everyday basis. Upon their return, they are encouraged to share their experiences with other Ohioans.

Full information on all aspects of the program, will be included in the annual International Programs Booklet which will be mailed to county offices in early January of the year of travel.

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