States' 4-H

2013 Australia Exchange

Who: **4-H youth ages 16-19** (must turn 16 by the date of travel and no older than 19 during exchange period; must not be in college)

What: Travel to Australia with 4-H youths from across the U.S. and stay with an Australian host family (**a host sibling is NOT guaranteed**) in the state of Victoria. S4-H's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.

Many of the host families will live in rural areas and/or on farms, so interest in farm and agriculture is important. The delegation takes a short trip to Sydney at the end before returning to the U.S.

An adult chaperone will travel with the delegation on all international flights and stay in Australia for the entire exchange period to assist with any delegate concerns/issues.

When: **June 19 – July 18, 2013**

Where: Departure Orientation in US gateway city (Los Angeles) & Arrival Orientation in Melbourne

How: This exchange is coordinated with the Exchange Network who will organize the Arrival Orientation and the homestay.

Capacity: 10 Delegates plus one Chaperone

Cost: Estimated at **$4,900 - $5,400***
*Final cost will be dependent upon currency exchange and airfare.

Program Costs Include:

- Roundtrip airfare from home state to Australia & Australian Visa
- In-Australia expenses: transportation, lodging, meals**
- Excursion trip to Sydney
- Orientation in U.S. gateway city and Melbourne (double or higher occupancy based lodging)
- Medical & Accident Insurance
- Pre-trip conference call, orientation materials and t-shirts
- Administrative costs
- A portion of the adult chaperone expenses

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include:

- **Some meals and activities in Melbourne and Sydney
- Passport
- Gifts for host family members
- Spending money and all other personal items

Application Deadline: February 1, 2013

Payment Schedule

February 1st	**$2000 with application**
April 1st	**$1000**
May 1st	**Remaining balance**

Cancellation Policy

- **Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Air ticket is issued by mid-February and is NOT refundable once issued)**
- Cancellations must be made in writing
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis

Program details subject to change.

Non-Discrimination Statement

As a an organization comprised of 4-H members, S4-H prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.