

There are two State Department programs that feature scholarships for students seeking two semesters of study in an American high school. They are FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange,) <https://www.americancouncils.org/programs/flex-program> and YES (Youth Exchange and Service.) <https://www.americancouncils.org/programs/yes-program>

Here is some information about hosting a State Department student.

To win a scholarship the student:

1. Must score well on an aptitude exam
2. Must score well on an English proficiency exam
3. Must do well in three rounds of oral interviews.

In the US the student:

1. Must maintain a “B” average in classes in the host high school (and those classes must include US History or American Government and English.)
2. Must complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service
3. Must join a leadership club or activity

The student comes with:

1. Full health coverage
2. Receives a monthly stipend for spending money
3. Has several hundred dollars available for school-related expenses

The host family must:

1. Provide a place to sleep and study
2. Provide three meals per day (including either a packed lunch for school or lunch money.)
3. Provide a comfortable living environment
4. English must be the primary language used in the home.
5. Provide transportation to and from school and school activities when a school bus is not available.

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