

# Foreign Exchange Student Placement Opportunities through CIEE

(Council on International Educational Exchange)

My name is Megan Edwards and I work for a non-profit High School Exchange Organization called CIEE. We have students coming to Tennessee for the 2011-2012 high school year and we need assistance in finding them good homes and families that share their interests. I have found that many home school families enjoy the opportunity to host a student, and I was wondering if you could share this with your homeschooling group. In fact I am a former home school mom and our family has been hosting since 1999 when I was homeschooling 3 children and my oldest was in college. Needless to say, our first experience changed the course of our lives and opened up the world to our family. Three of my four children are married with their own children and we will be hosting again this year. We just love hosting!!

Many homeschooling moms ask me how does it work if they home school their children, since the exchange student attends public or private school. The answer is it is just a different school. Your children do school at home while the exchange student goes to school, and then everyone is together when the student returns home. Having an exchange student also opens up many cultural experiences for your children. It is also great for the exchange students to learn about the option of homeschooling because many of the countries we work with do not allow homeschooling. Some of our students have gone back and shared their experience and the positive things they learned about homeschooling with others in their country. CIEE also offers the opportunity for US students to apply for a couple of scholarships to S Korea and Germany.

Our students have the appropriate visa, medical insurance and pay for all of their own expenses, with the exception of food and utilities. Students are between the ages of 15-18. They are arriving in August and are on a 10 month program. You may act as a welcome family and bring the student into your community for a part of their experience as well. We are also looking for local coordinators who are interested in working with our students and host families in your community. If you are not in the position right now to host a student, we would greatly appreciate your help in forwarding this along to your network of friends and family.

There is a great webpage full of great videos, stories and pictures from this past year's students. Please enjoy them as we do. [www.ciee.org/highschool](http://www.ciee.org/highschool)

Thanks for taking the time, we value your consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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