

HOW TO GUIDE



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HOSTING

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GFN has a non-exclusive agreement with AFS Intercultural programs (www.afs.org) to promote the international exchange of High School students that are also fencers and would like to study a semester or full year abroad. The goal is to ensure the student stays at a fencing family and can continue training while completing a year of High School in a foreign country. AFS has 70+ years of experience and is present in many countries, but there is not a 100% match with GFN countries. You can always replicate the program with other organizations if the program is not available in your country.

Check list

Students (fencers)

- Check Global Fencing Network's resources to identify countries with a GFN partner club
- If a GFN Ambassador is available in the destination country contact them to find out which clubs have hosting families available
- They will put you in contact with the clubs and families to identify a potential match
- Open an application at afsusa.org/study-abroad for a year or semester-long program in that country
- When AFS staff follow up with you, indicate your interest in being hosted by a GFN partner club host family
- Follow the AFS process

Host Families (Clubs)

- Log onto the AFS Webpage www.afs.org and select host a student link
- Select your country and follow the process to make an inquiry
- When AFS staff follow up with you, reply and complete the host family application
- When corresponding with AFS staff, indicate your background as a member of the GFN, and preference to host a student from another GFN organization
- If you already have identified the student though GFN provide her or his information to AFS representative