



Future Leaders Exchange Program [Insert Academic Year] Post-Program Survey

There are only a few weeks left until you finish the FLEX program. We hope that you have had a very enjoyable year. Before you return home, we would like to ask you some questions about your experiences and thoughts. These questions will be used to evaluate the FLEX Program and to make it better for future FLEX participants. Your answers will be strictly confidential, and the data collected will only be used for analytical and evaluative purposes.

Please answer all of the questions as best you can. This is not a test—there are no right or wrong answers. Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Thank you for your help. We hope you have fun during the rest of your program. Have a safe journey home!

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The information solicited on this survey is requested pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62) and the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act (22 U.S.C. 2451, et seq.). In order to ensure that the U.S. Department of State's international exchange programs meet statutory program requirements (22 U.S.C. 2460(c)), the Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) regularly monitors the programs, gathers data about program accomplishments, and evaluates selected ones. ECA uses the information collected to inform program design, management, and funding. All personal information that is collected through surveys is considered confidential. All responses are coded to ensure the confidentiality of individual responses. Data collected under this study will not be shared, sold, or used for fundraising purposes. Survey data and findings will be used only in an aggregate form for the express purposes of fulfilling the data needs of the outcome assessment. Responses to this survey are voluntary.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Which organization provided your host/placement in the United States? Please check one box.

	✓
4-H Foundation (World Wise)	
AFS-USA, Inc.	
AIFS/AYA	
American Councils	
ASPECT Foundation	
ASSE	
AYUSA	
CCI	
CIEE	
Nacel Open Door	
PAX	
PIE	
World Link	
Do Not Know	

2. Exchange programs provide participants with many important opportunities for learning and engaging people from other countries. Please identify the **three** most important accomplishments of your program.

	✓
Increased my understanding of American society, people, and culture	
Promoted mutual understanding between Americans and foreigners	
Made friends with students from other countries	
Made friends with American students	
Improved my English	
Improved my leadership skills	
Improved my education	
Gained opportunities to study in the United States	
Gained skills to use to help my country when I return home	
Shared my culture with others	

3. How difficult was it for you to adapt to life in the United States?

	Very Difficult	Somewhat Difficult	Neither Easy Nor Difficult	Somewhat Easy	Very Easy
Adapting to life in the United States was...					

II. PROGRAM SATISFACTION

4. What did you like best about your exchange experience?

5. What did you like least about your exchange experience?

6. Please rate your satisfaction with the following program components. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Administration					
Content					
Variety of Experiences					
Relevance of program to professional or educational development					

7. Please rate your satisfaction with the specific program components of FLEX listed below. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither Satisfied Nor Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Pre-Departure orientation					
Mid-year orientation					
End-year orientation					
Life with host family					
FLEX program activities (for example: enhancement activities, workshops, community service)					
Relationship with your local coordinator					

8. If you were dissatisfied with any of the specific program components above, please explain why.

9. How helpful was your local coordinator in the United States with the following items? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Not Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Very Helpful	We Were Not In Touch
Answering any questions you had				
Coordinating program activities				
Finding a host family				
Overall support				

10. How useful were the following experiences during the program? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Not At All Useful	Somewhat Useful	Very Useful
Immersion into American daily life through living with a host family			
Opportunities to share cultures with each other			
Opportunity to practice English with native speakers			
Participation in volunteer work/community service			

11. Please elaborate on why the experiences listed above were either useful or not useful.

III. ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES IN THE U.S.

12. In the past year, how often were you involved in the following activities? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Never	Seldom	Some Of The Time	Most Of The Time
Community service (for example: helping others, environment, health, education)				
Civic or political activism (for example: elections, volunteering)				
Cultural activities (for example: visiting museums/historical sites, attending concerts, theater)				
Family Activities				
Religious activities				
Sports teams				
School clubs or organizations (for example: musicals, band, debate team)				

13. Were you able to share information about your country in any of the following ways during your exchange? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Discussion with your host family, friends, or host community member		
Formal presentation at a community event (for example: recreation center, home for elderly people, volunteering event)		
Formal presentation at school		
Formal presentation in a religious setting (for example: mosque, church, synagogue)		
Interview with the media (for example: newspaper, radio, TV)		

14. How much better do you think Americans' understanding of your country is because of the information you shared with them?

	Not At All	Somewhat	A Good Deal	A Great Deal
Americans have better understanding of my home country				

IV. CURRENT OUTLOOK AND OPINIONS

15. How do you view the United States Government and the American people? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Unfavorable	Generally Unfavorable	Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
United States Government					
American people					

16. How did your views of the United States Government and the American people change as a result of your program participation? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Much Less Favorable	Less Favorable	No Change	More Favorable	Much More Favorable
United States Government					
American people					

17. How do you view the United States Government and its relationship with your home country?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The United States Government is a trustworthy partner for my country					

18. Please rate your understanding or knowledge of the following topics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
United States democracy					
United States economy					
United States values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States					
Freedom of speech and the press in the United States					
Voluntary community service in the United States					
Daily life in the United States					

19. How much did participation in the program change your understanding or knowledge of the following topics? *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Change	Minimal Change	Moderate Change	Substantial Change
United States democracy				
United States economy				
American values and culture				
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States				
Freedom of speech and the press in the United States				
Voluntary community service in the United States				
Daily life in the United States				

20. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Men and women should have equal opportunities					
Men and women should equally share family responsibilities					

Ethnic minorities should have equal opportunities					
People with disabilities (mentally and or physically challenged) should have equal opportunities					
Religious minorities should have equal opportunities					

21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *Please check one box in each row. Individuals should have the right to...*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Travel freely to other countries					
Have acceptable housing					
Be considered equal under law regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or religion					
Practice any religion					
Receive an education					
Have a job					
Have acceptable health care					
Have access to information					
Have freedom of speech					

22. Now that you have spent time in the United States, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statement about Americans. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Most Americans are wealthy					
Americans are friendly and open					
Americans are well-informed about the world					
Americans express their personal opinions, even if they contradict those of authorities					

23. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about the United States. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
The United States is a democracy that works well					
The United States has laws and regulations that protect the individual					
The United States economy provides a good living for its citizens					

The United States foreign policy reflects the interests and attitudes of the American people					
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24. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Voting is important because real decisions are made in elections					
Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy					
An independent media is important to the free flow of information					
All citizens in a country should have equal rights and protections under the law, regardless of circumstances					
The Rule of Law is fundamental to a functioning democracy					
Individuals and organizations have the right to free speech and to voice opposition					
Democratic principles enhance the workplace. Supervisors should incorporate democratic principles into their management practices					

25. Please rate yourself on the following leadership characteristics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Being self-reliant, being independent, relying on yourself				
Speaking in public				
Listening to other people's suggestions or concerns				
Expressing ideas and feelings				
Being tolerant of people different from you				
Leading a team and motivating others				
Being flexible				
Solving problems				
Discussing your beliefs/values				
Willing to make changes in your community				
Critical thinking				
Using technology (Internet, computer applications)				

V. PLANS

26. As a direct result of your participation in the exchange program, do you think you will do or receive any of the following **in your community**? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Assume a leadership role or position in your community		
Establish a new organization in your community		
Organize or initiate new activities or projects in your community		

27. As a direct result of your participation in the exchange program, do you think you will do or receive any of the following **at school/university**? Please check one box in each row.

	Yes	No
Assume a leadership role or position at school/university		
Establish a new organization at school/university		
Organize or initiate new activities or projects at school/university		

28. Do you think you will share your program experience or the knowledge you gained during your exchange in any of the following ways? Please check one box in each row.

	Yes	No
Participate in media interviews (newspaper, television, radio, Internet)		
Give presentations to community, neighborhood, school, or university groups		
Write newspaper articles, including editorials and opinion pieces		
Write academic books		
Write non-academic books		
Write academic articles - for journals or academic publications		

29. Upon returning home, do you plan to do any of the following? Please check one box in each row.

	Yes	No
Participate in FLEX alumni activities		
Share your experience by creating a website		
Share your experience through informal discussions with family, friends, or other community member back home		
Share your experience by posting on a Blog or other Internet networking space (for example: MySpace, Facebook)		
Support economic rights and social justice in your community		
Volunteer in your community		

30. Do you think you will remain in contact with people you met during your exchange program?

	✓
Yes	
No	

31. Of the following people you met during your visit to the United States, whom do you think you will keep in contact with once you return home? Please check all boxes that apply.

	✓
American classmates and friends	
Host/placement organization staff	
My host family	
Other community members I met	
Other FLEX participants	
Teachers at my school	

32. Would you recommend the FLEX program to others?

	✓
Yes	

No	
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33. How would you improve the FLEX program?

VI. PERSONAL BACKGROUND

34. Home country: [Drop-down list]

35. Which best describes the geographic location where you live. *Please check one box.*

	✓
My country's capital city	
Another major city in my country other than the capital	
A small city, town, or rural location in my country	

36. Age: [Drop-down list]

37. Gender:

	✓
Female	
Male	

38. Do you know about the State Department Alumni website, <https://alumni.state.gov>? *Please check one box.*

	✓
Yes	
No	

39. Have you registered for the State Department Alumni website, <https://alumni.state.gov>? *Please check one box.*

	✓
I have registered	
I have not yet registered	
I do not plan to register	

40. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have any additional comments you would like to make, please do so here. We value your thoughts.

41. How long did it take you to complete this survey? _____ Minutes