

How to Apply?

- Application forms are available online at www.wyoming4h.org or by request from crawford@uwyo.edu or kreaman@uwyo.edu
- Submit completed application to the University of Wyoming 4-H Program no later than April 1, 2014
- By April 15, applicants will be contacted to schedule a web based interview to be completed in April/May, 2014
- The list of finalist and alternates for *American Youth Leadership Program with Samoa* will be announced by mid-May, 2014



2013/14 AYL American Participants

The exchange program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the University of Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program. The program is designed to provide youth an opportunity to develop global leadership skills through increasing multicultural understanding and to positively address nutrition and food security issues affecting our world. We expect participants will return home with the knowledge, skills, confidence, and enthusiasm to create positive change in their schools and communities through small achievable action projects.



2013/14 AYL
welcome ceremony by the Samoan host siblings

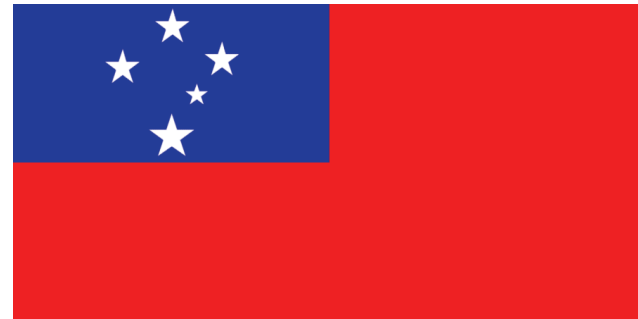
What are the criteria for selection?

Participants will be selected upon the following criteria:

- Personal leadership skills
- Involvement in the community as demonstrated through community service activities
- Academic and social skills
- Openness and flexibility
- Interest in learning about cultural differences and global issues
- Interest in learning about nutrition and food security issues common to the Western U.S. and Samoa

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AMERICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

with
SAMOA

2014~2015



Exchange Program Overview

The American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) with Samoa is designed to advance mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Samoa, prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures, and develop a cadre of Americans with cultural understanding who are able to advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy.



2013/14 AYLP
American and Samoan participants at tree farm

Activities throughout the exchange are designed to involve both the American delegation and their Samoan hosts. Following is a brief highlight of the activities:

- Intensive cultural training which will focus on language, cultural differences and team-building,
- Organized tours and presentations focused on the nutrition and food security theme,
- Community service activities
- Visit Samoan cultural and educational sites,
- Experience authentic Samoan culture through host family stay

Who is eligible to apply?

Youth and adults that reside in one of the 13 Western states will be eligible to participate in AYLP with Samoa: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Youth applicants must...

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 15 years old and no older than 17 years old by December 14, 2014
- Have at least one semester of high school remaining following the trip

Adult applicants must...

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be in a position to work directly with and influence young leaders
- There is no age requirement for adult participants but consideration will be made for service as mentors and chaperone responsibilities

Important Dates:

- Applications due April 1, 2014
- Pre-trip orientation at the University of Wyoming in Laramie August 21-24, 2014
- Samoa Trip mid December 2014 to early January 2015. Exact trip dates will be determined once flight schedules are confirmed.



2013/14 AYLP youth participants with host siblings



Akielly, AYLP participant weaving a basket from coconut leaves

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to participate in this program.

The American Youth Leadership Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State. The following expenses are covered by the grant:

- Passport
- Roundtrip airfare for pre-trip orientation (for participants who live more than 350 miles from Laramie)
- Roundtrip airfare to host country
- Meals and lodging
- In country logistics (i.e. transportation, activities, food and lodging)
- A small stipend for site visits, cultural activities and a modest amount of spending money
- Accident and sickness protection

There will be minimal out-of-pocket expenses for participants which include:

- Passport photos
- Immunization fees (if required)
- Transportation to and from regional airport for orientation and exchange trip
- Spending money for souvenirs and other in-country purchases
- Modest host family gift