As an Andrew Bell Youth Exchange student, you’ll spend up to a year living with several host families and attending school in Veracruz, México.

Whether you participate in Andrew Bell’s long-term or short-term Youth Exchange programs, you’ll learn a new way of living, a great deal about yourself, and you’ll learn the important Spanish language first hand. You’ll be an ambassador, teaching people you meet about your country, culture, and ideas. You can help bring the world closer and make some good friends in the process.

Eligibility

A.B. Youth Exchange programs are open to students ages 15-18. To qualify, applicants should be above-average students who have demonstrated leadership in their community. Candidates should possess qualities such as flexibility and a willingness to try new things that will enable them to fully experience life in another country and become excellent cultural ambassadors. All applicants must be sponsored by their local School and complete a written application.

Program Cost

The program is administered by Andrew Bell Educational Center, in order to keep program expenses low. Costs depend on when the exchange occurs. The next full academic year of August 2010 will be charged at 5000 USD and 2500 USD for a semester. This cost includes housing, school attendance, migration permit, medical insurance, school uniform and books. Please contact Andrew Bell Educational Center Youth Exchange Program for specific information.

Typically, students and their parents or guardians are expected to cover the following expenses:

• Round-trip airfare
• Travel insurance
• Travel documents, such as passport
• Spending money, ancillary travel, and tours
• Language camp or other cultural orientation session
• Emergency fund for unexpected expenses during the year (USD $500)
How to apply

AB Youth Exchanges are administered from México headquarters, but all applicants must be sponsored by a local Academic Institution in their own country. They can do this by filling out and signing the forms that are available from www.andrewbell.edu.mx. These forms must then be submitted to admin@andrewbell.edu.mx and after this, the original documents must be sent by certified mail to Costa Azul #88, Fracc. Costa Verde, Boca del Río, Veracruz, México. CP 94294.

AB Youth Exchange Program Application

Read all directions on each page carefully before completing the application. Use the checklist on the inside of the back cover to ensure that you have completed all sections and obtained all necessary signatures.

If you are accepted as an exchange student, this application will be sent to MEXICO and will serve as your introduction to the people who are being asked to host you.

Components of Your Application
Your application consists of:
Â· All forms in this application
Â· Copy of your passport or birth certificate
Â· Copy of your school transcript

Filling Out Your Application
Your application must be legible. Typed or computer-generated applications are strongly preferred. Answer all questions completely and as asked (do not write ŕsame, ŕsee above, ŕor ŕsee page __ ő. Enter your information directly onto the application unless directed otherwise. Make sure to use correct grammar and spelling.

Wherever the application asks for your full legal name, enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport or birth certificate. On pages that have a box in the upper right-hand corner marked ŕApplicant Name, ŕenter your preferred form of name. For example, an applicant whose full legal name is Joseph David Smith might enter Joseph Smith or Joe Smith.

Making Photocopies and Signing Forms
You will need to submit four complete sets (your original plus three photocopies) of this application. (You may also wish to make an additional set for your own records.) Sets 2-4 can be good-quality photocopies.

All signatures on all sets must be signed in BLUE ink. To accomplish this:
1. Complete the application form. Do not sign it.
2. Make three good-quality photocopies of the completed application.
3. Sign all four sets yourself then have your parents/legal guardians sign all sets.
4. Medical and dental forms: Ask your physician and dentist to make three copies of the completed medical/dental form before signing it and then to sign each copy in blue ink. (It’s a good idea to include a blue pen when you give them the form.)
All attached photographs must be **originals** or **good-quality color copies**.

**Questions?**
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