



## Come explore... **Costa Rica in 2020!** ...with States' 4-H & Ohio 4-H!

- Who:** Ohio Youth ages **15-18** (15 by departure date & still 18 on return date) (Cannot be a college student.)
- What:** Travel to Costa Rica with 4-H youth from across the U.S. Live with a Costa Rican host family during your stay!
- When:** **June 18 – July 17, 2020**
- Where:** Delegates first attend a national orientation in a U.S. gateway city. They then arrive in San José for a two-night arrival orientation, including sightseeing and cultural activities. Afterward, delegates meet their Costa Rican 4-S host families and begin their 3-week homestay experience. Next, delegates will gather for a two-day sightseeing excursion to Arenal Volcano National Park. The program concludes with a departure debriefing in San José.
- How:** Ohio 4-H, States' 4-H and "Conac 4-H" (4-H in Costa Rica) will coordinate the program, homestay and activities.

**Cost:** Estimated \$1,875 post-scholarship. Fee depends on exchange rate & airfare. Includes:

- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H, States' 4-H, and Conac 4-S.
- Round-Trip Airfare (estimated until purchased in mid-February)
- Orientations in Columbus, U.S. gateway city & San Jose, Costa Rica
- Pre-return De-Briefing in San Jose
- Medical & Accident Insurance
- T-shirts, luggage tags and passport carrier
- Sightseeing & cultural excursions
- In-Costa Rica expenses (lodging, meals and most transportation) *NOTE: An additional \$150 (estimated) may be required from delegates for individual local bus travel while living with host families.*
- A portion of Adult Chaperone expenses (chaperone coverage begins & ends in the U.S. gateway city)



**Scholarships:** *An estimated \$1,800 base scholarship will be awarded to all 4-H youth selected for this program. Scholarship amount could change and will be finalized Dec. 11. Applicants may withdraw with no penalty at that time. Additional \$100 discounts per previous exchangee hosted through Ohio 4-H.*

**Application Deadline:** (FIRM!) **November 15, 2019: (You MUST read the "Application Instructions" on website first!)**

**Required Interviews:** **Dec. 1, 8 or 9, 2019 in Columbus - Hold all dates for now (at least one parent must accompany)**

**Selections Announced:** **January, 2020**

**Required Orientation:** **Spring 2020 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)**

**Payment Schedule:** (Airfare is estimated until purchased in mid-February. April 15 payment may be adjusted at that time.)

- Nov. 15, 2019: \$1,000 Deposit + \$50 application fee (you MUST read the on-line "Instructions" first)
- April 15, 2020: Second payment of appx. \$425 ... depends on airfare and exchange rate.
- May 1, 2020: Third payment of \$400

### **Cancellation Policy:**

If you are NOT selected: *Full refund of Nov. 15 payment (Nov. 15 checks are not deposited until applicant is accepted in Jan.)*  
 If you ARE selected but cancel before Jan. 31: *Refund of Nov. 15 payment minus \$300. No refunds of paid fees after Jan. 31*

For more information: [www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)

You MUST read the "2020 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application" before submitting. This document is posted to our website each September.

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