



## Fall/Winter 2017-18

**Project: Change** is an annual contest for students to explore and materialize a meaningful impact they'd like to make in the world. To enter, students research the 7 available countries and 5 global issue areas, then submit their idea for a volunteer project abroad in the form of a 200-500 word essay OR a 1-minute video. Resources for educators to integrate the contest into their curriculum are also available.

The winning student will receive a full scholarship to spend 10-15 days abroad making their contest-winning vision come to life on an AFS program inspired by their idea. An additional 4 winners will be selected for a full scholarship to join the winning project.

Past winners have traveled to Colombia, India, Russia, and Guatemala.

### Details

**Eligibility:** 8th – 12th grade students

**Website:** [afsusa.org/project-change](http://afsusa.org/project-change)

#### Timeline:

- Contest entry period: September 21, 2017-December 18, 2017.
- Public voting period: December 19 – January 10, 2017.  
The 200 top-voted ideas will advance to the next round.
- Judging period: A panel of judges will review top 200 ideas to determine the Grand Prize winning project and four other winners.
- The winner's announcement will be made in mid-February. Winners will embark on their 2-week program in the summer of 2018.

### What can you do?

1. Share the Project: Change contest with high schoolers as an easy, fun opportunity to apply for a scholarship to go abroad.
2. Let teachers know about the contest as a tool for teaching Global Competency. Many educators familiar with AFS are already incorporating Project: Change into their curriculum as a way to foster global citizenship among their students. AFS has free lesson plans for educators available on our website at [www.afsusa.org/project-change/educators](http://www.afsusa.org/project-change/educators)
3. Encourage your networks to get inspired and vote on an entry to win between December 18 and January 10.

Thanks for your enthusiasm and commitment to spreading intercultural understanding!  
*Questions? Visit [afsusa.org/project-change](http://afsusa.org/project-change) or contact [marketing@afsusa.org](mailto:marketing@afsusa.org)*