



American-Serbia & Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (A-SMYLE)

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The American Serbia & Montenegro Youth Leadership Exchange (ASMYLE) program was established in 2005 in order to create stronger linkages and advances mutual understanding between the United States and Serbia and Montenegro. Through the program, 255 students from Serbia and Montenegro (ages 15-17) have the opportunity to study at an American high school and live with an American host family.

EDUCATION A-SMYLE helps build bridges of understanding between program participants and their American host communities. Exchange participants attend classes in accredited American high schools, gaining familiarity with the American education system while, at the same time, teaching their host communities about Serbia and Montenegro.

Programmatic Snapshots

- A-SMYLE will involve 255 participants over three academic years, including one semester. Students live with host families and attend American high schools.
- During the program, students participate in community service, civic education, and leadership development activities.
- A number of orientations are provided for A-SMYLE students throughout the year.
- A-SMYLE alumni use their knowledge, skills and attitudes gained during their time in the U.S. to implement projects in their local communities in Serbia and Montenegro.

promote a greater understanding of both the United States and the countries of Serbia and Montenegro.

ENGAGEMENT Throughout the academic exchange, A-SMYLE helps students acquire an understanding of American values, the qualities of leadership, and concepts of civic responsibility and volunteerism that will allow them to become engaged actors in their societies upon returning home.

EMPOWERMENT While participating in the exchange, students gain leadership skills that they utilize after returning home. As they share what they have learned,

they make a difference in their home communities by initiating activities that build on acquired skills and experiences gained in the United States.

For information on hosting, or how you can get involved, contact:

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EXCHANGES A-SMYLE creates linkages of communication between the people of the United States and participants from Serbia and Montenegro. The exchange leads to long-term relationships that

