



This award recognizes the exceptional efforts AFS Local Chapters do every day to further the AFS Mission.

Timeline

- September 2: Nominations Open
- October 10: Nominations Deadline
- October 14: Submissions are sent to the Selection Committee
- October 30: Selection Committee to submit finalist
- **December 5th: Announcement of the winners - International Volunteer Day**

Award Criteria

This award celebrates the dedication of our local chapters to the AFS Mission. We want to hear about their journey, the ups, the downs, the transformative moments, and how they've evolved with AFS's mission and impact goals in mind, creating a real impact in their communities while helping their national AFS organization grow.

What do winners receive?

The local chapter will receive a certificate honoring their exceptional contribution to AFS worldwide in front of our global community. Additionally, the chapter will receive a scholarship (\$1,000 USD) to be given to a student in need of financial assistance in their local chapter. The recipient of the scholarship will be determined by a committee of both the winning local chapter winner and members from their National Board and must be selected during 2025.

Background

At the core of every AFS organization, there's a diverse group of local chapters, each with its unique journey and story to tell. With over 1000 dedicated chapters worldwide, AFS thrives thanks to the many volunteers who work to expand intercultural understanding in their local communities.

These local chapters are instrumental in keeping the AFS mission alive. They're not only the gateway for sending and hosting students, they're the heart of our mission, welcoming AFS participants into their communities, developing Global Families, and creating more active global citizens.

Submit your nomination [here](#)