



Info for **Rainbow Host Families**

Welcome to AFS. We're glad that you are considering or have already decided to host an exchange student! At AFS, all families can become host families, regardless of their circumstances.

How does it work?

- The first step to becoming an AFS host family, e.g. at AFS Germany, is to register using [the form](#) on the [AFS Host Family Program website \(afs.de/gastfamilie\)](#). We'll gladly assist you in the registration with other organisations.
- This is followed by a visit at your home by AFS volunteers ("home interview").
- After the interview, potential host children will be presented to you. The volunteers may already have profiles of exchange students with them at the home interview. You then decide which child you'd like to host.
- All exchange students are offered the most suitable host family and are placed with them unless there are explicit reasons against this. Your documents will then be sent to the child and their parents via our partner office abroad. This process usually takes some time.
- As soon as we receive the consent form, we will notify you immediately and you'll be free to contact your future host child.
- We hope you enjoy getting to know each other and spending time together!

Family Documents

A written introduction of your family is part of the registration form.

To get a meaningful picture of your family, the following information is helpful:

- Description of everyday life incl. mutual and individual activities
- Description of the social environment
- Captioned photos of your everyday family life, home and surroundings
- Possibly a personal letter to the child with reasons for the decision

Contacts

For general questions, please contact your local AFS office (Germany: gastfamilie@afs.de). If you have more specific questions about the programme or queer topics, please contact us.

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