

# THE MEDALLION PROGRAM



**PARTNERS FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP & DIPLOMACY**

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE-SPONSORED EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Each year, almost 2,000 extraordinary young people from around the world receive a highly competitive, merit-based scholarship to study at a U.S. high school and live with volunteer host families. These future leaders are participants in the Department's Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX), Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX), and Youth Exchange and Study (YES) programs. Host schools help build diplomatic bridges with other nations by leaving positive, lasting impressions of the United States on their exchange students.

## **BECOME A MEDALLION MEMBER SCHOOL**

By enrolling a U.S. Department of State-sponsored exchange student, high schools become Medallion Member Schools. These schools set themselves apart by demonstrating a commitment to academic and cultural enrichment for their students through international exchange. Medallion Member Schools may pair the official medallion with their school name and advertise on banners, newsletters, websites, signage, clothing designs, and more.

## **CREATE GLOBAL CITIZENS**

The world is increasingly interconnected. By participating in the Medallion Program, you can prepare your students to become global citizens. Exchange students introduce your students to another culture and increase their international awareness without requiring them to travel. CBYX, FLEX and YES students also positively impact your school through sharing their countries and cultures, engaging in extracurricular activities, and volunteering in their communities.

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