



ALL INCLUSIVE PROGRAM FEE:

\$4,400*

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* Includes round-trip fare from San Francisco to Bangalore.
Prices may vary for participants from Boston and Chicago

The American India Foundation is committed to catalyzing social and economic change in India and building a lasting bridge between the United States and India through high-impact interventions in education, livelihoods, public health, and leadership development, with a particular emphasis on empowering girls and women to achieve gender equity. Working closely with local communities, AIF partners with NGOs to develop and test innovative solutions and with governments to create and scale sustainable impact. Founded in 2001 at the initiative of President Bill Clinton following a request from Prime Minister Vajpayee, AIF has impacted the lives of 2.3 million of India's poor and aims to reach 5 million by 2018. Learn more at www.AIF.org

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2016 YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

CREATING COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS TO INDIA



CULTIVATING GLOBAL CITIZENS

JUNE 16 - JULY 2, 2016

BANGALORE, INDIA

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In its vision to build a lasting bridge between the United States and India, AIF has proudly launched the AIF Youth Ambassador Program (AYAP), a service-learning experience in India for U.S. high school students.

AYAP seeks to foster an awareness of social development in India among its participants through visits with local communities, Indian peers & schools, leading NGOs, and the private sector. Students engage with an AIF service-learning curriculum and are exposed to issues of poverty and other challenges facing vulnerable communities.

Participants will engage with Indian peers on multiple occasions to build relationships and work together to come up with solutions to local problems. Students learn how to make sense of development challenges and to help advance social justice.

Upon returning to the U.S., students are inspired to advance social change in India and beyond. AYAP creates a long-term leadership opportunity for continued collaboration with AIF, its program and the communities served.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The AIF Youth Ambassador Program seeks to:

- Facilitate an understanding of social, economic and environmental challenges facing marginalized communities in India
- Foster two-way cultural awareness among students from the U.S. and India
- Expose students to the NGO & private sector roles in advancing social justice
- Explore frugal innovations in education, livelihood and environmental challenges
- Set the stage for continued collaboration with AIF
- Assist Youth Ambassadors in developing their individual social responsibility to the local and global community at large

PROGRAM DETAILS*

GROUP SIZE:

- 25-30 students

STAFF:

- 2-4 AIF Staff
- 2 U.S. Faculty Members
- 2-4 Affiliated Parents

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Frugal Innovation Projects with AIF Partner Schools
- Meeting with Political/ Economic Leaders
- Democracy and Citizenship Workshop

“Though I am of Indian origin, I never had opportunities to experience the real India like I did on the AYAP trip. I also got a chance to collaborate with Indian students to come up with some innovations to address water issue that they face.”

– Sophia N. (AYAP Ambassador 2014)

“Despite our different backgrounds, it was amazing to see how we all had similar ideas about the government as well as water scarcity.”

– Ellie K. (AYAP Ambassador 2014)