



An AMERICAN OVERSEAS (AO) is an ATAD sponsored teen-ager who has been accepted into the AO program and continuously meets all the qualifications of that program. Students are considered to be "on program" from the time they receive acceptance as an AO until the time they return home from their exchange experience, during which time they are to adhere to all expectations of that program.

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Typically 15-18 years of age at the date of departure overseas.
2. Typically a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for a summer program and 3.0 for a year or semester program.
3. Reside within the geographic region of the ATAD Corporation.
4. Meet all of the expectations of the AO program.
5. Be accepted by the AO Vice-President, Program Chair and overseas program.
6. Be in good financial standing with ATAD.
7. Be in good standing with their school and community.
8. Have no serious physical, health, or mental limitations.

## **EXPECTATIONS:**

1. To portray the virtues of a Teen-age Diplomat: open-minded, sense of humor, tolerant of failure, flexible, adaptable, curious, realistic expectations, respect for cultural differences, positive regard for others, strong sense of self, self motivation, ability to communicate.
2. To follow all rules in the Parent/Student Agreement.
3. To support the ATAD program.
4. To understand that the intent of the ATAD program is exclusively a family living experience to increase international understanding and brotherhood.
5. To abide by all expectations and decisions of the ATAD program.
6. To make presentations at school and overseas in support of the program.
7. To abide by all host family, school, and community rules.
8. To respect the needs and values of the host family.
9. To be an active and positive member of the host family.
10. To make timely contact with ATAD representative in the event of problems, emergencies, or concerns.
11. To willingly communicate in the language of the host country.
12. To make payment of program fees in a timely manner.
13. To be responsible for all financial obligations while overseas.
14. To inform ATAD of any changes in medical insurance.
15. To attend all required events, including the Pre-Departure Orientation.
16. To participate in ATAD activities.

## **DISMISSAL:**

A student may be dismissed from the program at any time prior to or after departure overseas for a major infraction of any of the Expectations. The decision for dismissal will be made by the ATAD AO Vice-President, in conjunction with the ATAD President, Program Chair, Program Liaison in the Partner City, and other individuals, as appropriate. The student will be notified of the reason for dismissal and how/when to return home if overseas. Cost for return home may be in part or wholly the responsibility of the AO as specified in the Parent/ Student Agreement. Dismissal from program may not necessarily restrict the student from a later application if it can be satisfactorily proven that the reason for dismissal has been fully and permanently corrected.