

Kildare-Lexington Student Exchange 2024

The purpose of the Lexington-County Kildare Exchange Program is to provide a genuine cultural and family experience in another country for second level students from County Kildare and those from Lexington, Kentucky USA.

- Students must be at least 16 years of age on 1st June 2024 and should exhibit maturity, flexibility, and an interest in Irish and American culture
- The exchange will be for ten days during the summer. The host family will provide room and board for the exchange student during this period.
- Proposed dates - Irish Students travelling to US host families on 28th June and returning on 8th July 2024. US Students arriving with Kildare host families on 12th July and departing on 22nd July 2024
- An expense of approximately €750 in transportation costs will be borne by the parent(s) /guardian(s) of the student. (Additional costs above this will be met by grant funding from Kildare County Council).
- Students will travel as a group with an adult chaperone.
- Students selected for this programme must have a valid passport, which does not expire for at least 6 months after the date of return to Ireland.
- It will also be imperative that health and accident insurance policies are in place to cover travel to and from and for the duration of the stay in the USA.
- An ESTA visa waiver must be applied for in advance of travel.
- Closing date for applications is Friday, January 12th, 2024 before 11:55 PM.
- The online application may be found for completion at <https://submit.link/29R>
- The application **must** be completed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student applying for the exchange programme.
- Two references (one from the Principal or Transition Year co-ordinator and one other) must be attached to the application.

Contact: kildarestudentexchange@kildarecoco.ie for further information.