

# AgriVenture 4-H Adventure Opportunity 2010

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?  
CALL MARK SHAND 403-948-8508**

**Application Deadline: January 1, 2010**

## Presenting Partner



**AGRIVENTURE**

(International Agricultural Exchange Association, IAEA) phone: 1-800-263-1827  
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## Program Details

Time for Travel: Travel must be initiated within one year of award.

Application Deadline: Applications, typed and complete with the required references, must be received no later than January 1, 2010. (The selected Alberta candidate will be notified by January 31, 2010; the final selection will be made May/June, 2010).

## Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be between 18 and 30 years of age as of January 1, 2010
- have been in the 4-H program for at least two years
- provide a letter from a former general or project leader, confirming their registration

Present or past 4-H members who have participated in an international program prior to 2007 are eligible to apply. Paid employees of 4-H shall not be eligible for consideration.

## Program Information

Five provinces (BC, MB, SK, AB, ON) have been invited to select one candidate to be submitted for consideration by the AgriVenture Board of Directors. From these provincial submissions, up to two applicants will be selected for an AgriVenture farm work travel opportunity that includes one award of 80% of the program cost to a maximum of \$3,000 and one award to a maximum of \$1,500.

## Where can you go?

IAEA has member countries throughout the world. Applicants can choose from Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. In addition, AgriVenture arranges holiday tours that allow participants to travel with other trainees. These holiday tours are optional and at the participant's own expense.

## What do you have to do?

Carefully complete this application, making sure you have provided all the information and required letters of reference, and submit it before the deadline. The Alberta 4-H AgriVenture Committee will select the applicant to represent Alberta. From the provincial applications, the AgriVenture Selection Committee will choose two applicants for travel. Provincial applicants may be invited for an interview to assist in the selection. Applicants who are selected for travel will have AgriVenture taking care of all practical aspects of the trip, including tickets, work permits and insurance. The trip will be arranged so that participants from around the world travel as a group.

## How much will it cost?

That depends on where you want to go! An exchange to Europe would cost approximately \$3,000. A trip to Australia or New Zealand ranges between \$4,100 and \$5,300, depending on the length of stay. An "around-the-world" program that includes a stay in Australia or New Zealand for six months and then in Europe for another six months costs approximately \$6,600. The financial award could be used for any of those travel opportunities. The traveler will be expected to provide the remainder of the travel costs and costs outlined below.

## AgriVenture provides:

- a guaranteed job
- the chosen AgriVenture program
- full board and accommodation, provided by host family
- all airline tickets
- all IAEA administration costs covering visas, placement, correspondence and supervision insurance using Euopaeske, their associate travel insurance company with over 70 years experience
- 24 hours emergency support service
- an Orientation Seminar in the host county
- transportation to the host family's farm
- a comprehensive pre-departure information package
- 2 year's membership in IAEA

## Participants costs include:

- program costs beyond the financial award
- any vaccination, medical certification, passport or international drivers' license required
- 8-12 passport photos
- travel information meetings in host country
- travel from home to departure points (Vancouver or Toronto)
- personal costs and spending money
- on return, travel to airport of departure

## What happens when you get there?

Travelers will be welcomed with a special Orientation Seminar and will stay with AgriVenture host families with a farm enterprise. Host families are carefully selected and screened. The host family will provide accommodation, help with training, a standard allowance (payable in the host countries currency), and time off for a holiday (unpaid). Participants will be introduced to an AgriVenture contact (usually a past program participant) who will ensure that both the traveler and the host family are happy with the placement.

## How long will the work program and travel opportunity last?

AgriVenture programs can last from three months to a year. The longer programs combine travel and work experience in one or two countries. During their stay in the host country, participants will be expected to send monthly reports and photos for publication and be available for interviews, speaking engagements, or other promotional activities when they return.

Completed applications, with references, must be received by January 1, 2010 and mailed to:

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4-H region	Club name	
First name	Last name	
Mailing address		
Town or city	Province	Postal code
Home phone (       )	Business phone (       )	
E-mail	Fax (       )	
Last year registered as a 4-H member		Number of years in 4-H
Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)	Age	
Present Occupation (if attending an educational institution, please state school and program enrolled in)		
Airport closest to home <input type="checkbox"/> Edmonton <input type="checkbox"/> Calgary		

**On separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following:**

- Provide a personal autobiography that details your personal background, interests and hobbies, recreation preferences, and work and volunteer experience.
- What 4-H projects did you take during your time in 4-H? (List project and unit completed).
- List any leadership roles or responsibilities you assumed in your club.
- Comment on your involvement at the district and regional level of 4-H.
- List any provincial 4-H programs you have participated in. (eg. AGM, travel awards, camp, public speaking, etc.).
- Provide information on your public speaking experiences (4-H and other).
- Comment on any other involvement in 4-H, including volunteer activities or leadership roles assumed as an adult.
- If you are currently attending high school or a post-secondary institution (i.e., university or technical institute), give details of the program in which you are registered, why you chose it, and the most recent year completed.
- If you are currently employed, give details of the work you do and what about it gives you satisfaction. Be as specific as possible and include the requirements.
- Provide information regarding your future education and/or career plans. Be as specific as possible and include the requirements.
- Comment on the reasons you would like to participate in the AgriVenture opportunity and why you would be a good candidate.
- List the top two preferences of host countries and the reasons for your choice.
  - Australia            Denmark
  - France                Germany
  - Japan                 Netherlands
  - New Zealand       Norway
  - Sweden              United Kingdom
- Discuss the type of program and the kind of farm you would like to be involved in, and why.
  - Agriculture - on a livestock and/or cropping enterprise.
  - Horticulture - in an orchard, market garden or greenhouse.
  - Home Management - working in and around the home.
  - Agri-Mix - combining work on the farm and in the home.
  - Horti-mix - splitting time between home and horticulture.
- What program and/or farm placement would you not be interested in and why?
- If you were selected for this AgriVenture opportunity, would you be willing to provide reports and/or photos for publication during and after your travel?
- If you were selected for this AgriVenture opportunity, would you be willing to promote the program at universities, high school and 4-H clubs?

**Documentation and References:**

Please provide the following four letters with your application:

- A letter from a former 4-H general or project leader confirming your registration in a 4-H club for at least two years.
- One character reference from someone who is not a relative and has known you for at least five years.
- One professional reference from a work-place supervisor or an educational instructor or administrator.
- One reference that addresses your skills and/or training for your chosen program (agricultural/horticultural/home management).

*Personal information on this form is used for publicity and administration of the 4-H program. Information provided is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*