

2025 Teaching-in-China Program

Purpose

The **Thousand Miles Initiative** aims to promote intercultural exchange between American and Chinese students while providing a volunteer service platform for North Carolina high school students.

What We Do

We go to both mainland Chinese cities or remote mountain areas to teach Chinese students American culture, literature, science, music, sports, etc. Through our program, you can experience Chinese culture and food, increase your social skills, gain insight into a different cultural perspective, make lifelong friends, and more.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. " Thousand Miles Initiative serves as a platform for students to expand their horizons, increase self-confidence, improve themselves by helping others, and learn responsibility, leadership, and teamwork. At the same time, we hope that through the exchange activities between Chinese and American students, the mutual understanding and friendship between the youths of the two countries will be enhanced.

Thousand Miles Initiative is in its third year of running the teaching program. So far, three teams of 27 American high school students have traveled to Shennongjia of the Hubei Province and Ji'an of the Jiangxi Province to experience an enlightening and unforgettable volunteering project. We hope for continuous success in achieving our mission through service and dedication.

To learn more about the program, please visit: <https://www.thousandmile.org/>

Why You Should Apply

- This is your chance to teach abroad in China and make a difference! Such opportunities are not very common.
- Develop leadership, teamwork, social skills, etc.
- Develop lifelong friendships whether it be with your team or with the Chinese students
- Opportunity to win the President's Volunteer Service Award
- Learn about Chinese culture and the way Chinese students live

Requirements

- Must be in grades 10 - 12
- Good health condition
- Have enthusiasm!

Application

1. Fill out an application form with essay prompts:
<https://forms.gle/3jd6AkLco3SpGkoC7>
2. Attend a mandatory information session
3. Undergo an interview

Training

3~4 training sessions/meetings to practice teaching and work out logistics of the trip

Logistics

- Accommodation: Live in the school dorm; the second option is hotels
- Program dates: June 16 - June 27, 2025
- Location and hosting school:
Zhuzhou No.2 High School, Zhuzhou, Hunan Province
- Fees & Expenses:
 - Registration (if accepted as a team member): \$200 (non-refundable)
 - Other expenses: air tickets, passport, visa, expenses in China
 - **Estimated total: \$2800**
 - ❖ An estimated **\$2,000** for visa and travel costs, to be covered by the individual.
 - ❖ **\$800** will be collected for chaperone compensation, lodging, food, sightseeing, and miscellaneous expenses in China. Actual costs may vary, and adjustments will be made for any overpayments or underpayments.

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