

Passages:



Passages is a unique cross cultural leadership development opportunity for young adults. AI partners with many different for profit and non-profit companies to offer these opportunities. AI participants will be exposed to successful companies and individuals who are making a difference in their workplace, but also in their community and world. Helping you **get ready for your tomorrow**: career, family, significance, is what **Passages** is all about. If, after reading about opportunities, you wish to apply, please go to this website: <http://www.ascend-international.com/programs/university/> Download the application, complete it and email it to garmstrong@ascend-international.com.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **What is included in the schedule?**

Although Career Days (time spent at individual companies of your choice) will vary, certain elements of Passages will remain the same. All participants will receive an Emotional Intelligence Analysis and coaching, all will have a host family, all will receive separate leadership development opportunities and all will experience some touring of the USA within their program. This may vary some with Passages' city locations.

2. **May I visit other places in the USA before or after my program?**

Yes, you may. AI cannot assume responsibility for your wellbeing while you are traveling on your own. We will provide insurance coverage for you, but you and your family must be aware that once you leave our program, we may not be able to help you if you are traveling in another city. Since AI is inviting you to the USA, all touring and travel must be approved by an AI representative BEFORE you arrange tickets.

3. **If I apply for a program, how long must I wait to know whether I am accepted?**

AI will review your application and give you a decision, generally within two weeks of your application. If you are qualified for the position we will accept you without regard to others who may apply after you. But, a spot you are accepted for is not guaranteed until you pay for your program. Once you are accepted and we receive payment, your spot in the program is assured.

4. **What about my safety?**

Many students have already participated in programs run by AI Leadership in the USA. If you or your parents are concerned, you may speak with former participants. AI also carefully chooses each host family, only choosing responsible families we would want caring for our own children. Representatives of AI are happy to talk with you or your family about safety if this is a concern.

If you have further questions, please contact Guy Armstrong at garmstrong@ascend-international.com. He can also put you in touch with Chinese partners you can speak to.