



What is Iowa Sister States?

Iowa Sister States (ISS) is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that was founded in 1985 to manage Iowa's official relationships with foreign states, as established by the Governor of Iowa.

Our nine partnerships are: Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan (1960); Yucatán, Mexico (1965); Hebei Province, China (1983); Terengganu, Malaysia (1987); Stavropol Krai, Russia (1988); Taiwan (1989); Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine (1996); Veneto Region, Italy (1997); and Kosovo (2013)

Our Mission:

ISS is dedicated to connecting Iowans with the world community. Our mission is to develop and implement international partnerships and programs that promote the cultural, economic, and other interests of Iowa and its friends around the world.

How do we benefit Iowa?

We provide Iowans, in all sectors, with opportunities statewide to connect with the international community via our sister state relationships. We host themed programs in various areas including: agriculture, law, business, culture, education, among others. We facilitate exchange programs to host incoming delegations as well as out-bound. ISS has specific scholarship opportunities for Iowans to study in Iowa's sister states as well as host students to attend Iowa-based colleges and universities.

What is a Citizen Diplomat?

That's YOU when you get involved with Iowa Sister States. A citizen diplomat can be anybody that is motivated by a responsibility to engage with the rest of the world in a meaningful, mutually beneficial dialogue. These People to People exchanges change the world by changing one person at a time. Citizen Diplomats are the foundation of Iowa Sister States and are the reason that ISS is a leader in this field.

I am a Citizen Diplomat!

2019 Organization Priorities

1. Increase Financial Security
2. Increase ISS Capacity
3. Strengthen Current Partners
4. Reengage Inactive Partners
5. Boost Awareness Statewide

Interested in helping us achieve these priorities?

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