



Upon returning home after living in another country, many North Americans find that they now see the world through different eyes, and they want to maintain an international outlook. Joining FAUSA is the perfect way to stay connected to other people who shared this unique experience.

What does **FAUSA** stand for, and what is its purpose?

- **FAUSA** is the acronym for **FAWCO Alumnae USA, Inc.** A 501(c)(3), FAUSA's purpose is to "support the repatriation experience by maintaining an international network and committing its resources to the health, education, environment and human rights of women and children worldwide."
- FAUSA is the North American branch of **FAWCO** (formerly **The Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, Inc.**), an international network of over 60 independent volunteer associations in over 30 countries, with a total membership of more than 10,000.
- FAWCO's philanthropic arm is **The FAWCO Foundation**, and FAUSA supports a Foundation Education Award, a Development Grant, and the Target Project.

Who can join **FAUSA**?

- Individuals or couples who have lived outside North America are eligible for membership.
- Those who were previously members of a FAWCO club join as 'regular' members.
- Those who were not members of a FAWCO club join as 'associate' members.
- Currently the cost is \$25 a year for individuals and \$40 for couples.

What are the benefits of joining **FAUSA**?

- Network with other 'repats' in North America.
- Participate in FAUSA and FAWCO activities, such as the annual FAUSA Getaways and FAWCO's Interim Meetings and Biennial Conferences.
- Apply for a Foundation Education Award.
- Nominate a favorite charity for a FAUSA Banner Project Grant.
- Stay connected through a monthly online newsletter.
- Join (or start) a cluster of local members who organize regular activities.
- Join (or start) a small virtual group--for online activities such as discussing a book or practicing a foreign language.

Where can I learn more about **FAUSA**, **FAWCO**, and **The FAWCO Foundation**?

- The FAUSA website, www.fausa.org, is the best place to go for more information.
- Non-members may learn about FAUSA's history, current events, and how to register.
- For members, the website also has detailed information about the Getaway and a Membership Directory.
- Find further information about FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation at their websites: www.FAWCO.org and www.FAWCOFoundation.org.

Whom can I contact to find out more about **FAUSA**?

For more information about FAUSA, contact the Second Vice-President/Membership Chair at 2VP@FAUSA.org.