



We connect the Foreign Service community at home and abroad!

Who are We?

AAFSW is a 501 (c) non-profit organization and an independent advocate for the Foreign Service community. While we are an independent organization, with lobbying access to Congress, we work closely with Department of State offices to effect positive change. Since 1960, we have been working to promote a higher quality of life for the Foreign Service community.

We aim to connect the Foreign Service community through Washington DC-based activities as well as online discussion groups which include the global Foreign Service family.

We provide a conduit for essential information through our newsletter, website, interest groups, and more.

We recognize the contributions of Foreign Service family members to their communities through awards such as the Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad (SOSA), professional fellowships and scholarships.

And finally, in our role as a voice and advocate for family members, we provoke institutional change such as the establishment of the Family Liaison Office and Overseas Briefing Center (yes, those exist because of AAFSW!)

Why Should I Join?

Spouses, partners, and active and retired employees of all U.S. foreign affairs agencies are invited to join AAFSW. The membership fee includes:

- 10 yearly issues of our information-packed *Global Link* newsletter.
 - Worldwide access to the members-only section of our website.
 - Free advertising for your business, rental property, or other goods and services in the public classified ads section of the site.
 - Membership in our Washington, D.C. area interest groups: Foreign-Born Spouses, French Conversation, Playgroup and more.
 - Invitations to monthly programs in the Washington, D.C. area including guest speakers in the Benjamin Franklin room at the Department of State and the annual AAFSW Awards Ceremony.
 - Interesting and meaningful volunteer opportunities in Washington, D.C. and abroad.
 - Many more opportunities to network with a community of people who have been there, done that, and understand where you are coming from!
- Please consider joining AAFSW today! Apply online at www.aafsw.org.

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