



Dear School Administrator,

**CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange** is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization with a mission to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. As a leader at your school, we hope you will be interested in learning about the **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program** - an exciting cultural exchange opportunity for your students.

Jointly funded by the German Bundestag and the U.S. Congress, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) is a full scholarship exchange program that annually offers 250 young Americans the opportunity to live with a host family and attend high school in Germany for an academic year. CIEE selects 100 students from across AZ, CO, FL, GA, KS, KY, MN, NE, NC, NM, OH, OK, SC, TX, UT, VA, WV, WY, DC and Puerto Rico to become CBYX youth ambassadors and we would like to invite your students to apply this fall.

The CBYX program is for motivated high school students who want to experience a different culture and learn a language through a full immersion experience. CBYX participants come from diverse backgrounds from all across the United States. Academic merit, as well as motivation, curiosity and flexibility are key components to a competitive application. **Previous German language experience is not required.** Participants become fluent in German, earn a competitive edge in college applications and can connect with a global network of other State Department program alumni upon completion from the program.

In this envelope, you will find additional documents containing information about the CBYX scholarship that we hope you will share with interested students at your school. If you have questions about the CBYX scholarship for American students, please e-mail us at [cb@ciecee.org](mailto:cb@ciecee.org)

In addition to the CBYX scholarship opportunity, we would also like to invite you to globalize your campus and community by enrolling an international high school student on the CIEE High School USA program.

As the leading exchange visitor sponsor in the country, CIEE partners with hundreds of schools like yours each year to bring international students to the U.S. We provide reliable local support for students, host families, and schools throughout each student's stay. From the start of the application process through the student's trip home, our staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Students on CIEE's High School USA program are smart, engaged, and excited to share their countries' unique cultures, traditions, and languages. Each student meets rigorous academic requirements and demonstrates intermediate-level or above English proficiency to ensure their academic success in the U.S. Some of our students on the Department of State sponsored scholarship programs (including a reciprocal CBYX program for German students) have competed against hundreds or thousands of others to receive prestigious grants to study here.

To learn more about enrolling a CIEE high school student at your school, visit [www.ciecee.org/highschool](http://www.ciecee.org/highschool)

Thank you again for considering these exciting opportunities for your school and students.

Sincerely,

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## YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW A WORD OF GERMAN TO APPLY, BUT YOU'LL COME BACK NEARLY FLUENT.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) offers scholarships for high school students who seek to immerse themselves in German culture by living with a host family and attending a local high school.

As a Congress-Bundestag Participant, your exchange year will include:

- Placement with a carefully selected German host family
- Admission to a German high school
- Pre-departure training in the United States and orientation programs in Germany
- Meetings with government officials
- Cultural excursions to the German Bundestag and select German cities
- Supplementary language lessons upon arrival in Germany

*Visit the CBYX website for an overview of funding details and costs for which participants will be responsible.*

### APPLY ONLINE AT:

[www.USAGermanyScholarship.org](http://www.USAGermanyScholarship.org)

### EXPERIENCE FULL IMMERSION

CBYX provides **scholarships for the cultural experience of a lifetime**. Participants gain new perspectives on global affairs by experiencing German life while living with a host family and attending a local school for an academic year. Make a bold move and join the global community by creating friendships and making connections, all while learning German!

**"Taking the first step is never easy, but CBYX helped me make it. It gave me the tools I needed to get myself out there and open up to the world of people, sights, and emotions. Never have I experienced something so enriching and eye-opening as being an exchange student."** – Mary, CBYX Participant



### JOIN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

CBYX is jointly funded by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, and in the U.S. is overseen by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Initiated in 1983, the CBYX program was created to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen diplomacy. Over 26,000 students have prepared themselves for success in an increasingly global world by participating in the CBYX program. CBYX alumni receive benefits through the U.S. Department of State's International Exchange Alumni network and a CBYX Alumni Association.

### APPLY NOW!

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- A U.S. citizen
- Between the ages of 15 and 18½ on August 1 of the year the program will begin
- A current high school student at the time of application, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Additional criteria detailed in the application

CBYX seeks applicants representing the diversity of the United States, including students with disabilities. Previous German language study is not a requirement and all levels of language ability are encouraged to apply.

For application details, visit  
[www.USAGermanyScholarship.org](http://www.USAGermanyScholarship.org)





# YOUTH EXCHANGE



## BRING GERMANY TO YOUR FAMILY!

Volunteer to host a CBYX student and make intercultural learning a family experience.

Learn more at:

[www.USAGermanyScholarship.org/How-to-Host/](http://www.USAGermanyScholarship.org/How-to-Host/)



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## SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY ABROAD IN GERMANY



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