



QUICK FACTS SHEET

Please Note: CIEE administers the CBYX program for the southeastern U.S. and Puerto Rico. The following information provided may be specific to CIEE.

What is the CBYX Scholarship?

Established in 1983, the CBYX Scholarship is a student exchange program between Germany and the United States. The U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag (Parliament) sponsor the scholarship, which allows 250 American high school students to live and study in Germany for one year. At the same time, 285 German students come to the United States. The program aims to foster cultural understanding and diplomacy, while promoting the German and English languages. A high emphasis is placed on learning about the political systems of each country. Students who have the opportunity to travel to Germany as Congress-Bundestag Scholars are regarded as youth ambassadors of the United States.

What does the scholarship include?

Recipients of the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship will receive a full-year program including the following:

- International airfare to and from Germany (departing from Washington, D.C.)
- Pre-departure orientation in Washington, D.C.
- Four-week language and cultural immersion camp
- Mid-year meeting in Bonn
- Host family stay in Germany (meals and lodging)
- Schooling/classes while in Germany
- Local Coordinator Supervision and 24 hour emergency assistance
- Health and accident insurance
- End-of-year seminar in Berlin
- Membership to CIEE and Department of State alumni networks

How long is the program?

The CBYX program is approximately 10.5 months, with students beginning the program on August 1, 2017 and returning to the U.S. in June 2018.

Who is eligible?

To apply for the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship, you must be a U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident; have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, and be between the ages of 15 and 18 and 6 months by August 1, 2017. Best of all, German language is NOT required!

Why participate?

- Learn and become fluent in German
- Experience another culture and community
- Serve as a youth ambassador of the United States
- Gain in-depth understanding of U.S. and European political systems
- Prepare yourself for your future as a global citizen
- Expand your horizons!

Where in Germany will I be living?

Students participating in the Congress-Bundestag Program will be placed with host families throughout Germany according to their common likes/dislikes/activities and other criteria supplied on the secondary application (provided once students are selected for the program). Experiment e.V., the German organization which partners with CIEE, works to make the best match with a host family, school, and Local Coordinator. Placements are made according to such criteria and not geography.

What about school credits?

While CIEE facilitates the exchange to Germany, students are responsible for arranging the transfer of school credits/classes between Germany and the U.S. While most students receive credit for their work in Germany, CIEE does not guarantee specific classes or credits.

Can I come home during the year?

In maintaining the standards of the program, students are not permitted to return to the U.S. during the program year. Family members are permitted to visit students in Germany AFTER January 2, 2018.

Who is CIEE?

A nonprofit, non-governmental organization, CIEE is the world leader in international exchange, helping to set—and raise—the standards of international education. At CIEE, we're different: our people, our commitment to quality, our dedication to innovation and best practices. We are committed to leading by example—using over 65 years of experience to develop and administer meaningful cultural exchange programs. CIEE offers academic high school programs overseas, while over 1,500 international high school students travel to the U.S. through CIEE programs each year.

How do I apply?

Interested students can complete an application online at www.usagermanyscholarship.org. Select your state from the drop-down menu on the left side of the page to get started. Completed applications must be submitted by December 4, 2016.

When will I find out if I am selected?

Students who apply for the scholarship by December 4, 2016 will be notified when their application has been processed. The CIEE Selection Committee will review applications and select students to be interviewed in-person in March 2017.

Final notification will be sent by March 27, 2017.

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