



# CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE

## 2022-23 VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### STUDENT APPLICATION

**PLEASE NOTE:** Responses entered into this fillable form will NOT be saved. To save responses, first save this PDF form to your computer. Then, enter responses, re-save and/or print the PDF, and submit via email to [CBYX@nacelopendoor.org](mailto:CBYX@nacelopendoor.org).

**\*\*Please refer to the Student Application Instruction Page for specific information about submitting your complete application to [CBYX@nacelopendoor.org](mailto:CBYX@nacelopendoor.org) by January 15, 2022.\*\***

#### VOCATIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Senior class standing upon nomination (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
2. Student 18 or 19 years of age by August 1 of program year (some flexibility allowed)
3. Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale
4. U.S. Citizen
5. A limit of three students may be nominated per school

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First (Legal) Middle Initial

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Skype Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female Other  
Month/Day/Year

Media (optional): Homepage/Website/Blog: \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Twitter Handle: \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram Handle: \_\_\_\_\_ Whats App: \_\_\_\_\_

LinkedIn Username: \_\_\_\_\_ SnapChat Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian with whom you live: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

Do you have any citizenship other than U.S.? Yes No If yes, list country: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip

School Office Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Congressional district number and the name of your U.S. Representative to Congress?

Congressional District Number

Name of U.S. Representative

## PART I: HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, & INTERESTS

In the space allotted below, list your activities and achievements. Also, please specify how many hours per month you spend doing these activities. Limit your answer to only those activities from your high school years.

ACTIVITIES

HOURS PER MONTH

Activities and organizations in which you have been a frequent participant. Specify any offices held.

Athletic teams you were or are a member of and number of years of participation.

Community activities in which you have been involved, such as scouts, volunteer work, religious youth groups, peer tutoring, etc.

Creative work, hobbies or special training, such as music, dance, drama or foreign language, which you have pursued to the point of some mastery.

Paid work or jobs you have held. Specify the type of work you did and the length of time employed.

Prizes, honors, offices or special recognition you have received, such as National Honor Society, foreign language, creative writing, science, music, team captain, etc.

Travel, domestic and international.

## **PART II: FUTURE CAREER FIELD**

Describe the career field in which you hope to work, and why. Explain how a language and cultural experience abroad might further your career objectives.

## **PART III: INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE**

Please answer the following set of questions, in approximately 250-400 words per response. If you need more space, please create a separate document to continue your answer(s), and submit it with the rest of your application.

1. What appeals to you most about living in Germany on the CBYX program? Tell us why you would like to be a part of the CBYX program and how you will contribute to its mission.
2. Describe in depth one of the activities you listed in Part I that you find particularly meaningful. What impact has it made on your life and/or in the lives of others?
3. There has probably been a time when you have stayed with someone other than your parents. Describe the differences you encountered while away from home and how you dealt with them.
4. Reflecting on a non-academic conflict you've experienced in the past two years, briefly describe the situation and elaborate on how you addressed the challenge. Focus your response on what techniques, coping mechanisms, or resources you employed to address the challenge.
5. A year abroad in Germany can be a rich and varied life experience, filled with many different feelings. Two of these could be a feeling of satisfaction and, at times, a feeling of loneliness. Describe two recent instances when you experienced these feelings and briefly tell how you expressed your satisfaction and dealt with your loneliness.

## PART IV: EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

How did you first learn about CBYX?

Brochure	Internet Search or Advertisement
Club/ Youth Organization (4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, Church Groups, Scouts, etc.)	Media: Magazine, Newspaper, Radio, TV
Counselor (at school or elsewhere)	Poster
Email	Social Media: Advertisement, Post from a friend
Foreign Student Exchange Organization	State Department Presentation
Exchange Student or Program Alumnus	STARTALK
Family Member	Teacher
Festival	Other (please specify) _____
Honor Societies	
Host Family	

**This application is for the CBYX Vocational (gap-year) Scholarship.** Eligible students may apply for more than one Department of State youth exchange program. Please check all other programs for which you have applied:

None	CBYX High School	CBYX Young Professionals	FLEX Abroad
NSLI-Y Summer	NSLI-Y Year	YES Abroad	Youth Ambassadors

Are you an alumna/alumnus of the 2020-21 CBYX Virtual Program?	Yes	No
Does your parent work for the U.S. Department of State or U.S. Agency for International Development?	Yes	No
Does your parent work for AFS, American Councils, ASSE, CIEE, Cultural Vistas, Nacel Open Door, or YFU?	Yes	No

If you have already participated in one of the following Department of State youth exchange programs, please check the program and include the start & end dates of participation:

American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP)	Dates: _____
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)	Dates: _____
Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad (YES Abroad)	Dates: _____
National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)	Dates: _____
Youth Leadership Program (participants who travelled overseas only)	Dates: _____
Youth Ambassadors Program	Dates: _____

Have you lived abroad in the last five years?	Yes	No
If yes, detail the dates and countries in which you have lived.		

Have you ever spent time in Germany?	Yes	No
If yes, detail the duration and nature of your time in Germany.		

## PART V: PERSONAL ESSAYS

This is a two-part writing assignment. Please complete both essays. These essays are a substantial part of your application and will be reviewed carefully by the Selection Committee. Please create a separate, typed document for EACH essay, include your name on each, and submit them with the rest of your application.

**Essay A:** Type a letter to your host family in which you describe yourself, your family, your activities and interests, your community, and your goals for the future. Think of the letter in terms of the first impression your German host family would have of you. Please format your essay as a letter addressed to "Dear Host Family," and include a closing (such as "Sincerely,").

**Essay B:** Type a response to the following: In what ways is your family important to you? What do you see as special about your family? Describe your relationship with each family member.

## PART VI: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Please complete the demographic information questions, which are found on page 6 of this application. This information is for statistical use only. The demographic information is not used for scholarship selection, but is requested by the U.S. Department of State for the purpose of understanding the background and circumstances of the students who apply for their scholarship programs.

## CONFIRMATION & SIGNATURES

Please note that, should you be selected as a finalist, confirmation of the scholarship is contingent upon fulfillment of the medical, placement, academic, and other requirements of Nacel Open Door. The Congress-Bundestag scholarship does not include domestic airfare within the U.S., nor does it include spending money, passport, or residence permit expenses for students during their exchange year. For individuals who demonstrate financial need, additional financial support may be available for these expenses and can be applied for after an individual is informed of their selection for the program.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is truthful, and that I have read the preceding statement and understand that acceptance to the program is not final until these requirements have been fulfilled.

*I agree that the below checkbox, as well as my name and the date, will constitute an electronic signature on this CBYX Vocational Scholarship Application. I further agree that this electronic signature is the legally binding equivalent to my handwritten signature.*

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Signature of Student

Date

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Signature of Parent

Date



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## PART V: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

*The following questions will be used for statistical purposes only. This information is not used for scholarship selection.*

1. Please indicate any background with which you identify.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White

Other If other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you identify as having a disability? Yes No

If yes, please indicate:

Hearing

Medical

Mobility

Speech

Visual

Other If other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your household income?

Under \$45,000

\$45,000-\$89,999

\$90,000-\$149,999

\$150,000-\$250,000

Over \$250,000

4. In what type of community do you live?

Suburban

Urban

Rural

Other If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What type of school do you attend?

Public

Private

Homeschool

Other If other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for providing this information.*