



## DFSR INTERVIEW FOR STUDENTS

A stay of 3, 5 or 10 months in Germany calls for, as you probably already know, a certain degree of maturity, openness and flexibility.

Before you start filling out the application form, we ask you to answer the questions below totally honestly.

1. Can I live without my family, my friends and my accustomed environment for 3, 5 or 10 months? yes no
2. Can I live with and accept a family of a different religion, a different race, different skin color and different attitude to life? yes no
3. Would I feel comfortable living with a family of a different social level or financial position? yes no
4. Am I willing to tolerate and accept attitudes, moral concepts, ways of life, that are contrary to my usual way of living / habits? yes no
5. Am I able to share a room for a few months with my host brother or host sister, even though I am used to having my own room? yes no
6. Can I cope with challenges and problems, do I know how to deal with possible disappointments? yes no
7. Am I going abroad to learn about the culture, the peculiarities, the advantages and problems of this country without constantly comparing the negative sides of this country to my home country? yes no
8. Do I really want to become a family member without expecting to be treated like a guest, who will only be shown the best things and cooked the best food? yes no
9. Am I aware that this program is also an academic program, that demands good grades from me in school in a school system that is very different from the one in my country with high demands? yes no
10. Am I aware that not only I but also my host family is supposed to benefit from this program? yes no

If you have been able to answer all questions with „YES“, you have fulfilled the most important prerequisites for successful program participation.

Date:

Signature:

Foreign Agent:



## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

### I. DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

Skydiving, hang gliding, glider riding, parachute jumping, parasailing, jet skiing, bungee jumping and riding in hot air balloons are prohibited.

### II. DRINKING

Consuming alcoholic beverages is not allowed while on the exchange program. However, the legal drinking age in Germany is sixteen. Natural parents and partner agency must sign whether they allow the exchange student to drink alcohol in the physical presence of the hostfamily or if they don't allow it at all. Please see "Alcohol Authorization Form".

### III. DRUGS

The student is required to refrain from using drugs of any kind (other than prescribed drugs for health purposes). Further, no association is to be maintained with anyone involved with drugs or drug use in any way.

### IV. FINAL AUTHORITY

A. Students must respect all decisions made by DFSR and its coordinators or staff.

B. DFSR reserves the right to dismiss a student from the program, if there should arise, in the judgment of DFSR officials, a condition likely to be detrimental to the health of the student.

C. DFSR reserves the right to dismiss a student from the program should the student violate the Standards of Conduct or for other disciplinary problems.

### V. HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is extremely dangerous. Students are not permitted to hitchhike, either alone or with friends.

### VI. HOST FAMILY REGULATIONS

Each family has rules and regulations which help it function effectively. It is imperative that each student makes every effort possible to understand what his/her family expects. Each student must be respectful of his/her Host Family and the rules that govern the household. Activities must be approved by the Host Family. At all times, the student's Host Family must know where the student is, with whom and when the student will return.

### VII. LAW VIOLATIONS

If a student admits to a criminal law violation, or is arrested and charged, or if reliable information is received that the student will be arrested and charged, the student will be returned to his/her home country as soon as legally possible. Students are expected to obey all laws of the host country, state, city and community.

### VIII. LEAVING THE PROGRAM

A student may not leave the program at any time without the express written consent of DFSR. Students are not permitted to return home during the program. Doing so will be considered leaving the program. When a student leaves the program, except for emergencies, he/she may not return to the program. The student may leave the program due to death or serious illness in the immediate family or for other bona fide emergency situations as determined by DFSR.

### IX. MONEY

Because each student is responsible to purchase his/her personal items, clothing, entertainment, etc. each student is required to have at his/her disposal, a minimum of € 150 each month. It is strongly recommended for each student to open up a bank account in Germany. Each student is responsible for his/her own spending money. DFSR is not responsible for any lost or stolen money. It is against DFSR regulations for a student to place his/her money in the Host Family's bank account. Further, no student shall lend money to, or borrow money from, any member of his/her Host Family.

### X. LANGUAGE TUITION

Advanced knowledge of German is required for high school entry. If the student does not possess the required level of German knowledge, a minimum number of language lessons will be determined by DFSR on receipt of the German assessment and prior to arrival. Completion of the agreed language course is compulsory for high school entry.

### XI. SCHOOL

A. The student is on an Exchange-Visitor or Student Visa and must attend school regularly and obey all school rules.

B. The student is expected to show an interest in his/her school work and make an effort to do his/her best.

C. If, in the school's or DFSR's opinion, the student needs a language tutor to succeed in class(es), DFSR will help to arrange for such a tutor. The cost for tutoring will be the sole responsibility of the student's natural parents.

D. If the student is given a failing mark in attitude as an official complaint from the school, he/she will be returned to his/her home country.

E. Dismissal from school will result in dismissal from the program.

**XII. SEX**

The exchange experience is not intended to be a time in which romantic attachments are formed. The exchange student is an ambassador of his/her country. Therefore, it is extremely important that the student's moral behavior be beyond reproach at all times. If it is found that a student is involved in a sexual relationship while sponsored through the DFSR program, that student may be returned to his/her own country immediately. If it is found that a student is pregnant while sponsored through the DFSR program, that student will be dismissed from the program.

**XIII. SMOKING**

The student must follow the rules of his host family and refrain from smoking in the home if required.

**XIV. PORNOGRAPHY**

Purchase, possession and/or downloading of pornography is not permitted.

**XV. INTERNET AND E-MAIL**

While use of the Internet and e-mail is generally deemed acceptable, it may also be detrimental to a student's program. Students must respect and abide by host family and school rules in relationship to use of computer, Internet and e-mail.

**XVI. TRAVEL**

Students will be permitted to travel while in the host country only according to the following conditions:

- A. If with the Host Family and if longer than overnight, the DFSR Coordinator must be informed of dates and a phone contact where the student can be reached in case of emergency.
- B. If with another family, the Host Family must approve and the same regulations as "A" above.
- C. School and group-sponsored trips are permitted. Again, Host Family must approve and DFSR Coordinator must be notified.
- D. If independently to visit another family, the inviting family must confirm the invitation with the Host Family and DFSR Coordinator.
- E. Travel by air, bus or train in Germany or Europe is permitted only under the following conditions:
  - 1. Chaperoned group trips.
  - 2. Direct trips from departure point directly to destination, to be met by family visited.

Note: Unauthorized travel may be cause for dismissal from the program.

**XVII. WORK AND JOBS**

Students sponsored by DFSR are in the host country on an Exchange-Visitor Visa. It is against the law for an exchange student to hold a job or seek employment. Exceptions to this may be occasional baby-sitting, lawn mowing or other odd jobs which might be offered to the student by his/her Host Family or the Host Family acquaintances.

**XVIII. VISITS FROM RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Visits from relatives and friends should be restricted to the end of the student's program. Earlier visits may result in disruption of student/host family adaptation process. Approval of host family must be obtained prior to the visit. Guests may not expect that host families will be able to accommodate them in the host home.

## AGREEMENT

We, the student and parent(s) or legal guardian, have read and understand all of the above. We agree to obey these rules and understand that disobeying them will result in the student's dismissal from the program and being returned to his/her home country.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Student*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Father or Legal Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## LIABILITY RELEASE

We, the undersigned, as the participant, and the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a participant in a program organized and directed by DFSSR Management, hereby release DFSSR, its Officers, Board of Directors, Agents, Coordinators and Schools where the participant may be assigned, from any and all current and future claims, charges, costs and/or causes of action for loss of property, personal injury, illness, accident or death sustained by the participant for the duration of the DFSSR program, whether covered by insurance or not. We further understand and agree we are responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused by the participant in the DFSSR exchange program.

We understand and agree that the participant will be subject to authorities and teachers of the school where he/she may be assigned and that he/she must follow the rules set forth by the Host Family with whom he/she may live.

We have read and understand the Standards of Conduct and agree that the participant must follow and abide by these rules and regulations as outlined.

As the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant we agree to supply our child with a minimum € 200,00 per month in spending money to cover his/her needs and expenses for the duration of his/her exchange program and return home. We understand and agree that DFSSR is not responsible for my/our child's money or personal property, whether lost or stolen, while he/she is participating in the DFSSR Exchange program. Further, we understand and agree that should there be a geographical move of my/our child, for any reason whatsoever, the cost of transportation shall be borne by the participant.

We grant DFSSR permission to use photographs, or any other materials in which the participant may appear, for promotion or publicity of the organization's programs.

If we have personally misrepresented, or have knowledge of misrepresentation of any portion of this application, we understand that DFSSR has the option of immediately dismissing the participant from the DFSSR program and repatriating the participant. In the event of repatriation, we shall bear all costs incurred and understand that any and all program fees are nonrefundable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Student*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Father or Legal Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

### **TERMINATION OF PROGRAM**

I/We understand that my/our child's DFSSR Management program terminates one week following the closure of school or at the time of his/her group departure and return to home country, whichever is earlier. DFSSR does not accept any responsibility for students who remain within the country as tourists for longer than the stipulated time period.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Student*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Father or Legal Guardian*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian*

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*Date*

## **AUTHORIZATIONS**

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**MEDICAL RELEASE**

In case of illness, accident or injury, I/we grant permission to DFSR Management , its representatives, the high school where my/our child is enrolled, and/or my/our child’s Host Family to authorize examination and treatment for my/our child, by qualified medical personnel.

I/we also grant DFSR, the high school where my/our child is enrolled, and his/her Host Family, all necessary permissions to act as legal guardians, especially in emergencies, whether medical or other, including surgical operations or any other treatment.

This authorization also grants permissions to release information regarding my/our child in order to receive any and all inoculations or immunizations required by federal, state and/or school authorities for participation in the DFSR program.

This Medical Release Authorization shall be valid for the entire duration of the DFSR program in which my/our child is participating.

Signature of Father or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

I/We authorize DFSR Management, its representatives, and my/our child’s Host Family to allow my/our child to travel, within the guidelines as established in the DFSR Standards of Conduct.

It is understood that this authorization is signed in advance and eliminates the necessity of obtaining our signature(s) at the time of any DFSR approved travel for the duration of my/our child’s participation in this program.

Signature of Father or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ALCOHOL AUTHORIZATION

We would like to point out that it is forbidden by DFSS and our partner agency \_\_\_\_\_(name of agency) abroad to consume alcoholic beverages while the student is on the exchange program. However, the legal drinking age by law in Germany is 16 years and it is common for young people to drink at family parties for example. Exchange students also often ask their host families if exceptions can be made to the non-alcohol rule. We do not wish our host families to be forced to make the decision to allow or forbid this. Therefore, we ask the natural parents and our partner agency to sign a written agreement with their approval or disapproval of drinking alcoholic beverages.

**Student Name** (Please print name): \_\_\_\_\_

If this agreement is broken the student can be sent home.

Natural parents please confirm:

- I/We forbid my/our child to drink alcoholic beverages at all while on the German exchange program:
- I/We do allow my/our child to drink alcoholic beverages only in the physical presence of the hostfamily.

Signature of Father or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner agency please confirm:

- \_\_\_\_\_(Name of partner agency) forbids the exchange student to drink alcoholic beverages at all while on the German exchange program.
- \_\_\_\_\_(Name of partner agency) allows the exchange student to drink alcoholic beverages only in the physical presence of the hostfamily.

Signature of partner agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_