Established in 1983, the CBYX Scholarship sends 250 American high school students to live and study in Germany while welcoming 285 German students to live and study in the United States. The U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag (Parliament) sponsor the scholarship, which aims to foster cultural understanding and diplomacy, while also promoting the German and English languages. Participants are also encouraged to learn about the political systems of their host country.

Frequently asked questions about the CBYX Scholarship are answered below.

**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
- 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 seminars in Berlin and Washington D.C.
- 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 in August 2019 and returning to the U.S. in June 2020.

**Who is eligible?**
To apply for the Congress-Bundestag Scholarship, you must be a U.S. citizen, 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, 2019. (DOB: 2/1/2001-8/1/2004) 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). The German organizations which partners with CIEE work 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 grade placement, 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, 2020 with permission from CIEE.

How do I apply?

Interested students can apply online at www.usagermanyscholarship.org. Select your state from the drop-down menu on the left side of the page. Completed applications must be submitted by December 11, 2018.

When will I find out if I am selected?

Students who apply for the scholarship by December 11, 2018 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 February or March 2019. Final notification will be sent by March 30, 2019.

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