



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 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 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.

Sincerely,

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