

# SAGSE Scholarship Information 2018/19

**Closing date for all applications: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**  
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

## Background

The Society for Australian-German Student Exchange, now known as Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE) was founded in 1967 by Mr Fritz von Einem-Joosten, a German businessman.

Fritz von Einem-Joosten's aim was to foster international understanding by means of a German-Australian youth exchange. To this end he sought sponsorship from a number of prominent German firms operating in Australia. Since then, SAGSE, a not for profit organisation run entirely by volunteers, has been able to give hundreds of VCE secondary school students of German the opportunity to improve their knowledge of the language and become familiar with the German way of life by living in the country for a period of time. Included in the membership of the organisation are Victorian and Australian businesses, secondary schools and representatives of Victorian universities.

## The Exchange

Scholarship winners will travel to Germany in late November of the year in which they apply, and stay with selected families. They will be shown around by their hosts during the school holidays and celebrate Christmas with them. **They must, however attend school with their host brothers/sisters.** They will return to Australia in early February of the following year.

The scholarship provides for all air travel, Berlin Camp and accommodation during the home-stay segment of the exchange.

Scholars from Victoria will fly to Germany together with scholarship winners from NSW and WA. A Group Leader nominated by GASS, the returned students' society, will accompany them and will be responsible for their well-being during the journey. On arrival, they will be met by their hosts. Scholars will be given their hosts' names and contact details prior to departure to allow them to begin correspondence with their host family before leaving Australia. The Australian Embassy in Germany will be informed of their presence in the country, and they will have opportunities for regular contact with the Group Leader.



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## Eligibility

Students are eligible to apply for a scholarship if they:

- are Australian or New Zealand citizens
- are in Year 11 or 12 at a Victorian school & studying VCE or IB German.

## Key Selection Criteria

The ideal application will possess the following qualities:

1. Demonstration of a commitment to, and achievement in learning including languages
2. A contribution to school or community activities 'beyond the classroom'
3. Good communication skills, among both their peers and others
4. Ability to discuss past and present issues facing Australia and Germany
5. An eagerness to adapt and change in a new environment
6. Ability to converse in simple German
7. An enthusiasm and voracity for improving German language skills.

The School Principal will be asked to provide a report on the applicant's character, general academic progress, contribution to the school and the community, achievement in German as well as general suitability.

## Written Application Process

The four components of the application are detailed in the Application Form.

- A. **Application Form**
- B. **Letter of Application**
- C. **Curriculum Vitae (including up to two written references)**
- D. **School's Confidential Report (to be forwarded by your school)**

The application must also include copies of recent school reports, a document to be completed by the School Principal, and the optional but advisable written references. This means you should start early! Part of being applying for a scholarship such as this one, is demonstrating you can be organised in collating your application. **Late Applications will not be accepted.** It is most important to allow sufficient time for postal delivery of your written application.

You should also spend some time writing your Letter of Application, and try to address the **Key Selection Criteria** listed above. Students who have fulfilled the criteria, have submitted the documents detailed and correctly completed application form by the due date will be considered for short listing.

Students who have fulfilled the above criteria, have submitted the correctly completed application form by the due date **and have hosted or are hosting** will be granted **one preliminary interview per hosting**.

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## Interview and Selection Process

All eligible applications will be considered. A shortlisted group of applicants will be interviewed by the Selection Panel and successful scholarship awardees will be selected from this group.

Students who have submitted an application will receive notification whether they have been shortlisted or not.

Shortlisted students will be required to attend an informal "Kaffee and Kuchen" afternoon on Saturday 21st July 2018, followed by a more formal interview on Sunday 22nd July 2018. Because both events are a compulsory part of the selection process, we regret that the inability to attend will prevent your being considered for a scholarship.

## Conditions of the Scholarship

### Prior to Departure

Students who are offered a scholarship must attend the Presentation Banquet, which is generally held on the second Friday in October.

In addition, there is an expectation that returned scholars will remain close to the organisation and join our other volunteers in making an active contribution by either hosting a student, finding an alternative host family or assisting GASS members with the administrative tasks associated with this process. Scholars will also be expected to assist in the promotion of SAGSE, the scholarship and the benefits of hosting.

### While on Exchange

It is a condition of acceptance that the scholarship recipient has appropriate travel insurance for the duration of the exchange. Students will also need to provide their own pocket money. Students are encouraged to participate in a number of additional activities hosted by the German Branch of the Organisation (GDANSA), including a compulsory week-long camp in Berlin and a GASS camp.

Under strict SAGSE and VRQA guidelines, groups of students will undertake five days of independent travel within Germany. These activities all entail additional expenses totalling approximately \$1,500.

Students must comply with all SAGSE Guidelines and Policies. These will be provided, along with a comprehensive orientation program, prior to departure for Germany.



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### On Return to Australia

On their return, scholars are required to furnish the Society with a comprehensive and well-presented report on their experiences, as well as deliver a prepared short speech of approximately four minutes at the Returnees' Debriefing to be held in March in the year of their return. Students will also become members of the German-Australian Scholarship Students Society (GASS), first established in 1970.

### The Application Form

Students can download an application form here :

[www.sagse.org.au](http://www.sagse.org.au)

**Completed applications must be received by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.**

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### 2018 Interview Dates:

**Kaffee und Kuchen  
Interviews**

**Saturday 21 July 2018.**

**Sunday 21 July 2018.**

Please remember that short listed candidates are required to attend both days in order to be considered for a scholarship. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by mail.

**Please do not staple your application and please do not use a courier, registered mail, or bulky folders to deliver applications.**

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