



Goodwill in Action
Society for Australian - German Student Exchange

NSW Host Family Application 2011

Information for Prospective Host Families

The Society for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE), founded in Melbourne in 1967, awards scholarships to Australian students each year to travel to Germany during the Australian Christmas holidays, and in turn to German students, who travel to Australia during their long vacation in the months of July/August. The exchange program aims to give students an insight into a foreign culture and build up links of friendship between the youth of these two countries. It operates with the co-operation and approval of the Department of Education and Training in New South Wales and is subsidised by private firms.

In June 2011 another group of German exchange students will begin their 12-week exchange here under the auspices of the Society. In attempting to give them the opportunity to become acquainted with Australia's people, its culture and experience the 'Australian way of life' first hand, these students are placed with Australian families and attend school with their host siblings.

It is the responsibility of German-Australian Students' Society (GASS) to find compatible host families. GASS consists of former Australian scholarship winners who then participate on a voluntary basis in the day-to-day activities of the exchange program. We warmly invite you to become involved in this program through the participation of families in your school community in hosting an exchange student from Germany. Potential host families should have children in the 16-18 year old age group. Ideally these should be students in year 10 or 11, as it has been found that students in year 12 have too great a workload to host a student as their direct host sibling. (Of course if a student from year 10 or 11 wishes to host, having an older sibling in year 12 is no barrier). The German students are usually 16 or 17 and generally have a very sound grounding in the English language. Thus although a knowledge of or interest in the German language is preferable, it is not essential.

It is also important to note that any successful year 11 2011 applicant to host a German student will automatically be granted an interview for a scholarship (upon receipt of scholarship application form) to travel to Germany for 2 months at the end of this year. Students in year 10 in 2011 will be eligible for an interview for the following year. While this interview does not guarantee a scholarship, it provides the applicant an advanced progression through the scholarship selection process.

If you would like to apply to host a German student, please fill in the accompanying Host Family Application Form. The details contained in these forms will be held in the strictest confidence but are necessary to enable the matching process of students and host families to occur.

Please return this form as soon as possible to the address given on the bottom of the form. GASS representatives will then interview the families and students will be placed according to matching interests.

**For further information,
please contact:**

Thank you for your interest.

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School's Consent and Agreement Form

This form should be completed by the Principal or his/her nominated representative.

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| Host Family's Surname: _____ |
| Name of School: _____ |
| Name of Principal: _____ Phone No: _____ |
| School's Address: _____ |
| Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____ |

We agree to take part in the 2011 Society for Australian-German Student Exchange program and are willing to accommodate a student over a period of approximately twelve weeks, beginning June 2011, subject to further notification from the Society as to the student's *curriculum vitae*.

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| Signed: _____ Date: _____ |
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Please return this form to the student to send off for the **March 11, 2011** deadline.



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Family Information Form

To be completed by the hosting student and confirmed by his/her parents.

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| Name in Full: _____ Date of Birth _____ |
| Street Address: _____ |
| Town / City: _____ Post Code: _____ |
| Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ |
| E-mail: _____ |
| Father's Name and Occupation: _____ |
| Mother's Name and Occupation: _____ |
| Name, Date of Birth, School Grade/ Occupation of Siblings: _____ _____ _____ |
| Will any member of the family be absent during the exchange student's stay? _____ _____ |
| Subjects Taken: _____ _____ _____ |
| Extra-curricular activities (within school): _____ _____ |
| Out-of-school activities and interests: _____ _____ |
| Are these activities in which an exchange student could participate? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |



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Family Information Form

Language(s) spoken at home: _____

Family Religion: _____ Practising? Yes No

Do you have any pets in your family? Please detail: _____

Are there any special dietary habits in your family? _____

Would you prefer a Boy Girl Either

Do you think a slightly older student (18-19 years) would fit into your family? Yes No

What would be your family's attitude to an exchange student...

accustomed to drinking or smoking? _____

with different religious beliefs? _____

who has adopted certain trends regarding clothes, hairstyle, etc.? _____

Would the exchange student have his / her own bedroom? Yes No

What do you see as being the exchange student's role in your family? _____



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Family Information Form

Has your family had any previous experience with exchange students? Please give details.

Why would your family like to host an exchange student?

Please describe a typical weekend with your family, as well as anything different you might do if you were to host a student:

Is there any other relevant information?



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Hosting Student's Agreement

I have given this information to the best of my knowledge and conscience. I did not withhold anything that is of importance to my family in hosting a German student.

Student's Full Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Parents/Guardians' Confirmation and Agreement

We confirm the above and our willingness to host a German student.

Parents'/Guardians' Names: _____
Signatures: _____
Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in hosting a student. Please send the completed form and photo by Friday **March 11 2011** to:

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For further information, please contact Mimi Gemmell as per details above, or Angus Rollason (GASS NSW President) via e-mail at gassnsw@sagse.org.au.