



FHSU IS LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES

Would you like to host a young professional from Germany through the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Parlamentarisches Patenschafts-Programm?



CULTURAL VISTAS

CBYX is a program of the U.S. Department of State and implemented by Cultural Vistas. German students who have already completed an apprenticeship in their field in Germany are personally selected by a German Member of Parliament to be a citizen ambassador to the U.S.A. Students are 18-24 years old and come from varied backgrounds and fields across Germany. Students receive a Fellowship from the United States Department of State to study and work in the United States for one year.

YEAR AT A GLANCE:

- Fellows will spend one full academic year at FHSU.
- FALL 2023:
 - Fellows enroll in 6-12 FHSU credits during the fall term and will be a full-time student at FHSU.
- SPRING 2024:
 - Fellows participate in a full-time paid internship from January to June.
 - Fellows will seek out their own job/internship with assistance from FHSU Career Services.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE:

- Fellows will arrive around August 9, 2023, to Hays after a multi-day orientation in Washington D.C.
- Fellows will participate in the FHSU International Student Orientation the week before classes begin in August.
- Fellows will depart Hays in June 2024 upon the completion of their spring term internship.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- to Internationalize FHSU and Hays through a prestigious public diplomacy fellowship
- to diversify the student body at FHSU
- having fellows be engaged in a community service project in Hays community
- having fellows with extensive training in their fields in Germany who can then share their skills with FHSU and the Hays community
- having fellows on campus to promote the reciprocal exchange to Germany

Host Family Information

Placement Match:

Cultural Vistas does their very best to match the requests of FHSU and the host family with their pool of participants from Germany.

Stipend:

Host families will receive a monthly stipend of up to \$225 for the duration of the stay of the visiting fellow.

Expectations:

- Hosts can be families, single adults, empty nesters, or young couples.
- Hosts will provide 2 meals per day.
- Hosts will provide a private bedroom for the fellow.
- Host should have an interest in having a young German in their home for a year and want the opportunity to share their culture with the participant, as well as learn from them.
- Hosts should integrate the fellow into daily life.
- Hosts should expect the fellow to help around the house and participate in family activities and celebrations.
- Hosts can share hobbies with the fellow, visit local attractions together, and celebrate holidays, birthdays, and special occasions together.

Responsibilities of the Fellow:

- Fellows will cover all personal costs including cell phone, personal items, and some food.
- Fellows are required to buy a car for their own transportation needs and will pay for their own insurance, gas, repairs, etc.
- Fellows will find their own jobs/internships for the Spring term with assistance from FHSU Career Services.
- Fellows will live like a local college student at FHSU and will be an engaged student and member of the FHSU and Hays communities.

FHSU Program Managers

For questions regarding host family interest and placement or FHSU student participation, contact:

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