



... *in the Interest of Students on Exchange*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO, a registered not for profit organization, is working in collaboration with long standing exchange partners in Europe to provide the best possible programs to the greatest number of students, at the lowest possible cost. ISE Ontario is governed by a Board of Directors that includes Directors of Education and Supervisory Officers from various Ontario school boards. Programs are implemented by a Program Director and small office staff in cooperation with a dedicated network of school board and school exchange co-ordinators. Administrative costs are kept low so that any available resources may be used for the benefit of students and programs.

2012 - 2013 PROGRAM COSTS

- **Participation costs are \$2550 (\$2750 where connecting flights within Ontario to/from Toronto are required)** with payment by installments during the exchange year. **Program fees include:**
 - \$450 application fee
 - international air travel in economy class on regular airlines, accompanied by Ontario escorts
 - connecting surface travel in Ontario and surface or air travel in the host country, where required
 - travel insurance: cancellation and interruption, AND emergency medical / hospital
 - orientation tour or activity day in the host country
 - ISE administration fee*** Program Fees do not include:**
 - personal spending money
 - excess baggage charges imposed by the airline
 - expenses resulting from travel changes caused by events beyond the control of ISE Ontario
- **Payment Schedule:**
 - \$450 non refundable application fee, submitted with the completed application form
 - \$700 dated July 01, 2012 upon acceptance of the proposed partner
 - \$200 of this payment is non refundable unless the proposed partner withdraws and a rematch is not available
 - \$700 due October 15, 2012 (*\$800 where connecting flights within Ontario to/from Toronto are required*)
 - \$700 balance due January 15, 2013 (*\$800 where connecting flights within Ontario to/from Toronto are required*)
 - tickets are now issued and refunds are not possible except in cases covered by travel cancellation insurance
- For travel arrangements, ISE Ontario is registered with TICO # 4023792 under Planet France Inc.

- **Postdated cheques** included with the July 01 payment are requested
- All cheques are payable to **ISE Ontario**
- Receipts are provided upon request only; please provide a self-addressed, return envelope
- Travel costs are equalized for all participants

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

In order to participate in this exchange program, you must have a recommendation from four of your current or former teachers (three teachers plus the principal for elementary). Along with the completed **Recommendation Form**, a letter of recommendation may be attached from someone in your community such as an employer, coach, church minister, etc.

A nine-page full application form must be completed, with sections for completion by you and also by your parents. Carefully review the **Instructions and Check List** page, and fill in the form as directed. Return the completed form with all the required attachments, signatures and copies to your school exchange co-ordinator or to the ISE Office.

ISE ONTARIO: CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 1 **I/WE CONSENT** to my child's participation in this exchange program and understand that he/she/we must abide by the Conditions of Participation as outlined for the duration of the exchange program.
- 2 **I/WE AGREE** to host the visiting exchange student during the exchange period and treat him/her as a member of our family; to provide all three daily meals, a warm, safe and friendly atmosphere and a safe means of travel to school; to help him/her adjust to new surroundings; to assume parental care for the exchange student; to ensure that he/she is immersed in the target language and given full opportunity to hear and use English at home as well as at school; and to ensure that he/she is exposed to as many cultural activities as possible, all of the foregoing at no cost to the visiting exchange student.
- 3 **I/WE DECLARE** that no one living in the host home(s) where the visiting students will be living has been convicted of a criminal offence or has criminal charges pending; that a clear criminal record could be provided upon request; that our home is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse.
- 4 **I/WE UNDERSTAND** that student exchange participants must consider their exchange partner to be their first priority and must not be employed during the hosting period.
- 5 **I/WE UNDERSTAND** that where the visiting exchange student is placed in a second family as a result of mismatching, every effort will be made to find an alternate suitable placement so that my child can complete the exchange.
- 6 **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY:** I CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD'S HOST FAMILY, THE EDUCATION AND/OR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND EXCHANGE OFFICIALS IN THE HOST COUNTRY, THE SCHOOL AND/OR SCHOOL BOARD WHERE MY CHILD IS A RESIDENT STUDENT, AND ISE ONTARIO TOGETHER WITH ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS ASSUME NO LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS.
- 7 **MEDICAL AND DENTAL AUTHORIZATION:** I authorize all medical and dental attention for my child judged necessary by medical authorities in the host country or the host family in the event of an accident or serious illness. I understand that every attempt will be made to reach me by telephone in case of emergency.
- ★ 8 **GROUP TRAVEL:** I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD MUST TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM THE EXCHANGE COUNTRY WITH THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM GROUP, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
- ★ 9 **TRAVELLING IN THE HOST COUNTRY:** I understand that exchange program participants must attend school and therefore travel during the exchange program is restricted to excursions with the school or a member/members of the host family. Where such excursions involve travel outside the host country, a letter of authorization from the Ontario parents is required.
- 10 **I/WE PERMIT** ISE Ontario to videotape and/or photograph my child while participating in program activities with the understanding that these materials will be used only for promotional purposes.
- 11 **EXPULSION FROM THE PROGRAM:** The exchange program authorities reserve the right to immediately withdraw a student from the exchange program and arrange for an early return home, with no liability to the exchange program authorities or to the host family, for any of the following reasons:
 - withholding information and/or failure to tell the truth on the application form or during the interview
 - failure to disclose any past or present medical treatment for physical or psychological conditions or disorders
 - use of illegal drugs or abuse of alcohol
 - unauthorized absence from school; unwillingness to be attentive during classes and to do the work assigned
 - failure to accept the authority of school and exchange officials
 - failure to comply with the house rules of the host family
 - driving a motorized vehicle *AND/OR* • hitch-hiking
 - undertaking independent travel that is not with the host school or the host family
 - breaking the law of the host country, including, without limitation, shoplifting
 - receiving, creating or distributing information which is unlawful including but not limited to materials or images which are racist, pornographic, dangerous, obscene or inconsistent with the values of your hosting family
 - failure to abide by the Conditions of Participation

GENERAL INFORMATION ON EACH EXCHANGE DESTINATION

★ PLEASE NOTE AUGUST ARRIVAL DATES

FRENCH LANGUAGE DESTINATIONS:

★ Arrival: 2nd & 3rd weeks of August

Belgium is an ideal exchange destination. The country is small and travel by families to neighbouring France, Germany, Netherlands and Luxembourg is very common. The spoken French is very standard. Families are close, warm and welcoming, and applicants are 14 to 17 years old, with the older students being quite self-directed and used to more social freedom. **This is a 2-month program for secondary students.**

France provides large numbers of applicants from all regions of France, including some at the collège level (our grades 6 through 9). Applicants are 13 to 17 years of age. The younger candidates are accustomed to close family life and parental direction, the older students are more self-directed.

This is a 2-month program for elementary students and a 3-month program for secondary students.

Switzerland (French)

usually provides applicants who are 16 or 17 years old, *as well as* students at the middle school level (our grades 7 through 9). They are generally quite self-directed, and accustomed to more social freedoms. A very standard French is spoken in the six cantons (counties), including Geneva.

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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE DESTINATIONS:

★ Arrival: 3rd and 4th weeks of August

Germany (Nordrhein-Westfalen and Baden-Württemberg) provides large numbers of applicants who are 15 to 17 years old. They are responsible, self-disciplined and mature, and their level of English is very good. Students from Germany adapt quite easily to our culture and are generally open to different activities.

Spain provides large numbers of candidates who are 14 to 17 years old. Families are close and students are dependent on their parents for advice on most matters; they are very social and enjoy large group activities in an urban area. Applicants are from all regions of Spain.

Italy usually provides candidates who are 15 to 17 years of age, from throughout Italy. As with Spain, the family is generally the centre of the social structure and students are dependent on their parents for advice. Students from Italy are social and enjoy gatherings with friends and extended family. Families can be quite traditional, and enjoy sharing their culture and customs with visitors.

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & TIME LINE

These ISE ONTARIO programs are reciprocal school-based student exchanges that focus on language learning, cultural understanding, appreciation and acceptance of others, self-awareness and lasting contacts. Students apply in one school year and the exchange takes place during the next school year:

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| <i>DECEMBER TO MARCH</i> |
| Students complete the application process with school approval |
| <i>APRIL, MAY</i> |
| Successful applicants are matched with a student of similar age and interests |
| <i>JUNE, JULY</i> |
| Students receive information about a proposed exchange partner and upon acceptance begin corresponding |
| <i>AUGUST TO OCTOBER/NOVEMBER</i> |
| Visiting students arrive in Ontario in mid-August and spend two months or three months in their partner's home and school |
| <i>FEBRUARY TO APRIL/MAY</i> |
| Ontario students depart mid-February to spend a similar period with their exchange partner |

ISE ONTARIO, along with your local exchange co-ordinator, are the contacts for Ontario families both during the hosting period and while the Ontario students are abroad.

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