



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO

... in the Interest of Students on Exchange

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS TWO & THREE - MONTH STUDENT EXCHANGES

FRENCH LANGUAGE:

BELGIUM FRANCE SWITZERLAND

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES:

GERMANY SPAIN ITALY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO, a registered not-for-profit corporation, is offering to Ontario students a variety of reciprocal exchange programs in Europe. Affordable student exchanges with an educational focus were first organized by The Ontario Ministry of Education in the 1970s and the Ministry continues to support such programs. Included among the ISE ONTARIO European exchange partners are the Ministry of Education offices that were exchange partners of the Ontario Ministry until it ceased its direct involvement in student exchanges.

The primary goal of ISE ONTARIO is to provide

- ➡ *the best possible programs*
- ➡ *for the greatest number of students*
- ➡ *at the lowest possible cost.*

ISE ONTARIO is totally committed to providing a service to students, families and teachers through a dedicated and experienced staff working in close collaboration with reliable exchange partner organizations, and with Ontario education authorities including school board and school personnel. Both the visiting and the Ontario students thus have contact persons to provide support during both the hosting period and the period away from home.

ISE ONTARIO exchange programs are opportunities for students:

- to develop language skills through complete immersion
- to share their family and school life with their partner
- to increase cultural awareness through direct experience
- to enhance understanding and tolerance of others
- to gain confidence, responsibility and self-reliance
- to come home with a new appreciation of their own country
- to prepare for 21st century life in the global village
- to establish personal relationships that may last a lifetime

ISE ONTARIO is unique among exchange organizations in that a great deal of importance is placed on good governance, accountability and risk management. ISE Ontario fulfills all requirements as set out in the Ontario Corporations Act.

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THREE-MONTH PROGRAM DESCRIPTION and 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:

<i>December - 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 November</i>	Visiting students arrive in Ontario in mid-August and spend between nine and twelve weeks in their partner's home and school.
<i>February to May</i>	Ontario students leave in mid-February to spend a similar period with their exchange partner.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students applying for ISE ONTARIO programs must:

- be no more than 17 years old during the school year of the exchange
- be enrolled in school for the entire school year of the exchange
- have above average academic standing and good attendance record
- be active, outgoing, well-liked, responsible
- be recommended by their teachers and school principal
- have a home that: is clean and orderly; has adequate space for the visiting partner; is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse
- have a family that: is warm, caring and open to other peoples; can host a student in a supervised, safe and comfortable atmosphere; can provide for all meals and cost of family activities for their guest student during the hosting period
- have a family that is willing and able to speak **English** at home during the hosting period
**most visiting students view an exchange in Ontario as an English language experience*
- have parent(s)/guardian(s) who can provide a clear criminal record check and secure home environment
- have at least one course in or have acquired a basic knowledge of the language of the exchange country
- plan courses during the exchange year with care and arrange with teachers in advance to complete requirements for credits

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 to be submitted with the completed full application form
 - international air travel in economy class on regular airlines, accompanied by Ontario escort(s)
 - 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
- For travel arrangements, ISE Ontario is registered with TICO # 4023792 under Planet France Inc.

ISE ONTARIO STUDENT EXCHANGE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student's Name

Grade

School

School Board

This student wishes to apply for an **International Exchange Program** offered by ISE Ontario. You are asked to review the program requirements listed on the reverse side of this page and complete one of the recommendation sections below if you feel that this student is a suitable candidate for an exchange experience.

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Teacher's Name

Subject

Date

Comments

Teacher's Signature

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Teacher's Name

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Teacher's Signature

STEP 3 • Present this form to your Guidance Counsellor for approval.

Date

Name and signature of Guidance Counsellor

• Present this form to the person in your school who has responsibility for exchanges.
(your School Exchange Co-ordinator / Contact)

Date

Name and signature of School Exchange Co-ordinator / Contact

★ Please return this form to the ISE Office with the completed full application form. ★

STEP 4 With both sides of this page completed you may now request an Application Package from your School Exchange Contact, from the ISE Office or www.iseontario.on.ca .