



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO

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## SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE 2009

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE - ONTARIO**, a registered not for profit organization, is working in collaboration with long standing exchange partners in Europe and Quebec to offer the best possible programs to the greatest number of students at the lowest possible cost. Among these programs are reciprocal SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES with a partner in France, Spain or Quebec. Participating Ontario students spend a month away and a month hosting their partner in Ontario. These programs are opportunities to enhance language skills, to experience another culture and way of life, and to share family and summer holiday activities.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Students applying for a SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE program:

- are between 13 and 17 years of age
- are active, outgoing, friendly, responsible and reliable
- have a home that: is clean and orderly, has 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 during the hosting period
- have parent(s)/guardian(s) who can provide a clear criminal record check and secure home environment

### **PROGRAM TIME LINES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Completed applications submitted by **March 01** will be given first priority; applications will then continue to be accepted as long as places remain available. Applicants should receive the file of a proposed partner by May 31. Upon acceptance of the match and after a one week wait, students may begin communication with their partner.

Ontario students will receive a Program Handbook with advice on how to be a welcome guest and a good host, what to take along, spending money etc, as well as Insurance information and an ISE carry-on sports bag.

**EUROPE** • Ontario participants will depart in the last week of June for four weeks in Europe, and then host their partner in Ontario for four weeks during August.

Students travel as a group, with an Ontario escort, departing from Pearson International Airport in Toronto. Upon arrival, the group will be met by members of the exchange organization in the host country for a guided tour and visit to a few major sites; meetings with partners and families will take place at a central location OR students will travel by train or flight to their final destination.

- Participants will return to Ontario with their partners in the last week of July and are met at Pearson by the Ontario families. In late August the visiting students meet again at the airport in the late afternoon for their flight back home. Confirmation of travel dates will be sent with the proposed partner's file.

**A valid passport is required.** Canadian passport applications are available at postal outlets; the completed application should be submitted to a passport office allowing at least 8 weeks for processing. A visa is not required, however students who have a non-Canadian passport must contact ISE regarding additional documentation.

**QUEBEC** • Participants host their partner in Ontario for four weeks in July, and are in Quebec for four weeks during August. Confirmation of travel dates will be sent with the proposed partner's file.

In late June the students from Quebec arrive by train as a group at Union Station in Toronto, where they are met by ISE staff, their partners, and host families. In late July the Ontario students and their partners travel as a group with an Ontario escort from Union Station to Quebec City and are met there by their host family. Participants return to Ontario in the last week of August.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The application form must be fully and carefully completed according to the instructions, and submitted to ISE along with the original copy of the Request / Recommendation Form. Students should keep a copy of their application.

- *Applications submitted to ISE ONTARIO by **March 01** will be given first priority for placement.*

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## SUMMER EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE 2009

### 2009 PROGRAM COSTS

#### in EUROPE

The cost of the program is \$2400

Program cost includes:

- ➔ return international airfare, from Toronto with Ontario escort
- ➔ connecting surface or air travel in the host country
- ➔ all inclusive travel insurance with emergency medical
- ➔ group activities on arrival in the host country
- ➔ program handbook, ISE carry-on sports bag
- ➔ ISE administration fee

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$500 deposit with application

\$950 due May 1

\$950 balance due June 1

#### in QUEBEC

The cost of the program is \$850

Program cost includes:

- ➔ return train fare Toronto - Quebec City with Ontario escort
- ➔ all inclusive travel insurance with emergency medical
- ➔ ISE carry-on sports bag
- ➔ program handbook
- ➔ ISE administration fee

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$150 deposit with application

\$350 due May 1

\$350 balance due June 1

- ➔ \$150 of the deposit is non-refundable; the remainder of the deposit is non-refundable 30 days before program start
  - ➔ If a suitable match is not found all monies are refunded
  - ➔ Please apply early! Applications must be received early to secure airline seats

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Applications received by **March 01** will be given first priority
- Applications will be accepted only as long as places remain available
- Ontario students are in Europe during JULY, in Quebec during AUGUST
- Quebec students are in Ontario during JULY, European students during AUGUST

### PLEASE NOTE

- **Postdated cheques** included with the deposit for the May and June 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

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## **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Summer 2009

**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.

**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, and a warm, safe and friendly atmosphere; 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; 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**GROUP TRAVEL:** I UNDERSTAND THAT MY CHILD MUST TRAVEL TO AND RETURN FROM THE EXCHANGE COUNTRY WITH THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM GROUP, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

**TRAVELLING IN THE HOST COUNTRY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT TRAVEL DURING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS RESTRICTED TO EXCURSIONS WITH THE HOST FAMILY, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. WHERE SUCH EXCURSIONS INVOLVE TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE HOST COUNTRY, A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FROM THE NATURAL PARENT IS REQUIRED.

**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 or cost 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
- failure to accept the authority of the exchange officials
- failure to comply with the house rules of the host family, without exception
- driving a motorized vehicle OR hitch-hiking
- undertaking independent travel that is not with the host family
- 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
- breaking the law of the host country, including, without limitation, shoplifting
- failure to abide by the Conditions of Participation

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