

People to People
Sheboygan WI -- Esslingen Germany
Middle School Summer Exchange Program

Application Form

Application should be returned by November 15 to: Please attach a photo of the applicant.

Jon Keckonen
1542 Golf View Drive E
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Applicant: _____ Male ___ Female ___
 First Middle Last

(Important! List name EXACTLY as it appears or will appear on passport!)

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Family e-mail address: _____

Phone _____ Present age _____ Birth date (mo/day-/yr) _____

School _____ Grade _____ Overall GPA _____

Parents' Marital Status: ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Widowed

Student resides with: ___ both parents ___ mother ___ father

_____ if not a parent, your Relationship to Student

Father's name _____ Occupation: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ D.O.B. _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ D.O.B. _____

Does anyone in the family smoke? ___ Yes ___ No

Siblings:	Brothers/Sister	Age	Brother/Sisters	Age
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Pets _____

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Will the German student have a room of his or her own? _____yes _____ no It is recommended, but not mandatory. It is, however, mandatory that the student have a separate bed.

Religious Affiliation _____ Denomination _____
How often do you attend? _____ Weekly _____ Occasionally, _____ Seldom _____ Never
Keep in mind that your host family may have a different religious affiliation than you. Would you prefer to attend a church _____ of your own denomination, _____ with your host family, _____ I do not wish to attend

Do you any allergies/health restrictions/ vegetarian? If so, explain _____

The Exchange Committee must schedule a personal visit to your home to meet with you and your family members.

What is the best time to call to schedule this meeting? _____
(A second individual interview will be scheduled with the applicant in December.)

Please provide the responses to this section in a typed format and attach to the application.

1. Write a short description of your home and neighborhood.
2. Describe yourself, your interests, and hobbies.
3. List organizations/clubs you belong to at school or in the community and any leadership responsibilities you have had.
4. Describe activities you enjoy with your family or friends, previous travel experience, and relationship with extended family members.
5. Why are you interested in participating in this People to People summer exchange program?
6. Please comment on personal strengths and areas where you would like to improve.

I have read the program information sheet and this application, and I agree to the rules and the guidelines of the exchange program. I understand that flight arrangements are made by the exchange committee and students will travel to and from Esslingen together. I also authorize my school to release information about my academic performance to the exchange committee.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Statement

Applicant's Name _____

Your insights into your son or daughter's personality, temperament, needs and interests will be most helpful in assisting us in placing him or her in an exchange which encourages growth, learning and sharing. Your comments will also serve as an introduction to the exchange committee in Esslingen. We ask that you, as frankly and fully as possible, write about your son or daughter. Please consider the following:

- Overall personality
- Relationship with you and each member of your immediate family
- Relationship with others (peers, adults, relatives, the elderly, and young children)
- Reactions to disagreements and discipline
- Reactions to being away from the family in the past
- Factors which should be considered in placing your child, including dietary restrictions, physical or health limitations, and other pertinent medical information.

Please provide the responses to this section in a typed format and attach to the application.

Submit this page to a teacher. Attach a stamped envelope addressed to:
Jon Keckonen
1542 Golf View Drive E
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Teacher Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

Teacher's Name _____

School: _____ Phone Number _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Student's overall GPA _____ GPA last semester _____

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. Students are expected to have a 3.0 GPA/ B average for participation in this program. If this student's GPA is below this average, and you believe he/she would still be a good candidate, please explain.
2. From your experience with this student please describe this student's behavior in a classroom with respect to authority, peers, class participation, group activities and individual schoolwork.
3. What talents, interests and skills does this student have to contribute to others (e.g., school, community, host family)?
4. Research indicates that the factors listed below are important for successful intercultural adjustment: curiosity, open mindedness, tolerance for differences, strong sense of self, self-motivation, ability to tolerate failure, adaptability/flexibility, positive and realistic expectations, sense of humor, ability to communicate, positive regard for others. Please assess the student's strengths and weaknesses with respect to these factors. When possible, please provide specific examples.

Would you recommend this student for the three-week hosting/exchange program with Esslingen Germany?

___ Highly recommend ___ Recommend ___ Recommend with reservations ___ Not recommend

Teacher's signature

Date

Submit this page to **2 references**. Attach a stamped envelope addressed to:
Jon Keckonen
1542 Golf View Drive E
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Reference Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

Instructor's Name _____

School: _____ Phone Number _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In your opinion, this student's interest in and ability to adapt to a different culture:
_____ Excellent _____ Very Good _____ Average _____ Needs Work

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

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Would you recommend this student for the three-week hosting/exchange program with Esslingen Germany?

___ Highly recommend ___ Recommend ___ Recommend with reservations ___ Not recommend

Reference signature

Date

Please mail this form directly to the exchange chairperson listed above.

Submit this page to **2 references**; each should be someone that you have known for more than 3 years. This might be a pastor, scout leader, community organization leader (not a relative).

Attach a stamped envelope addressed to:

Jon Keckonen, 1542 Golf View Drive E, Sheboygan, WI 53083

Reference Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

School: _____

Name of reference: _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

How long have you known this student? _____ In what capacity? _____

Your relationship/interaction with the student _____

In your opinion this student's interest in and ability to adapt to a different culture:

____ Excellent ____ Very Good ____ Average ____ Needs Work

Would you recommend this student for the three-week hosting/exchange program with Esslingen Germany?

__ Highly recommend __ Recommend __ Recommend with reservations __ Not recommend

Comments: If you would like to write more, please use the back or add pages.

Reference's signature

Date

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