

Student's Family Name: _____ First Name: _____

People to People
Sheboygan County, Wisconsin USA - Esslingen, Germany
Student Exchange Program

Application should be returned by Nov 15 to: Please attach a photo of the applicant
Jon Keckonen
1542 Golf View Dr. E.
Sheboygan, WI 53083

Note to Applicants and Parents:

The U.S. Department of State has published regulations governing the Exchange Visitor Program and specifically has outlined the information which must be obtained by Program Sponsors (in this case, People to People International - Sheboygan Chapter) from prospective host families. This application form contains questions required by those regulations. The information which must be collected on secondary school student host family applications can be found in Appendix F of 22 CFR Part 62. The income data collected will be used solely for the purpose of ensuring that the basic needs of the exchange students can be met, including three quality meals and transportation to and from school activities.

NOTE: If accepted, the German student will arrive in Sheboygan next summer and stay until mid-December. The Sheboygan student will go to Germany the following year, leaving in early February and returning in mid-August. **Any deviation from this schedule MUST have prior approval from both the City of Esslingen and People to People-Sheboygan.**

I am applying for the 20___ exchange year.

Applicant: _____ Male ___ Female ___
 First Middle Last

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

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Family E-mail Address: _____ Student E-mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Present age: _____ Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

School: _____ Grade _____ Grad Year _____ Overall GPA _____

School Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Approximate size of student body: _____ Distance from home to school: _____

How will the exchange student get to school? _____

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Would the family provide special transportation for extracurricular activities after school or in the evening if required? Yes ___ No ___

Does any member of the household work for the school in a coaching, teaching, or administrative capacity? Yes ___ No ___

Has any member of your family had contact with a coach regarding the hosting of an exchange student with particular athletic ability? Yes ___ No ___

Number of years of German study including current year: _____ German GPA _____
(Note: German language study is not a program requirement)

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

Student resides with: Both parents ___ Mother ___ Father ___

Other ___ Describe relationship to student _____

Father's name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Level of education: _____

Interests, community involvement: _____

Mother's name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Level of education: _____

Interests, community involvement: _____

Siblings:

Name	D.O.B	Will he/she live at home during exchange student's presence?
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___
_____	_____	Yes ___ No ___

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Does anyone in the family smoke? Yes _____ No _____

Has any member of your household ever been charged with a crime? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, explain in full. Also indicate date(s) of crime(s) and in which country and state each took place. (Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

Does any resident of the home have physical or mental disabilities? Y/N If yes, describe:

Is the residence the site of a functioning business? Yes ___ No ___

Pets: (Number and type): _____

Diet:

Does anyone in the family follow any dietary restrictions? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, describe: _____

Would you feel comfortable hosting a student who follows a particular dietary restriction (Vegetarian, Vegan, etc.)? Yes ___ No ___

Would the family provide three (3) square meals daily? Yes ___ No ___

Home Description: U.S. Department of State Regulations require detailed information about the home in which the exchange student will be living. Applications are to include photos of the following: 1. Home exterior and grounds, 2. Kitchen. 3. Student's bedroom, 4. Student's bathroom, 5. Family and living areas.

Describe type of home (Single family home, Condominium, Duplex, Apartment, etc.):

Describe primary rooms and bedrooms: _____

How many bathrooms? _____ If student will share a bedroom, with whom? _____

Describe the room in which the student will stay. _____

Religious Affiliation:

What is your family's religious affiliation/denomination/congregation? _____

How often do you attend religious services? _____

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Do you expect the student to attend religious services with your family? Y/N Students cannot be required to attend religious services. However, as part of the exchange, they are encouraged to experience this facet of U.S. culture at their discretion.

Would you feel comfortable hosting a student who attended services other than your own or did not attend religious services? Y/N

Will applicant have a part-time job during exchange? Yes ___ No ___

If so, where? _____ Number of hours/week? _____

Family Activities:

Language spoken in home: _____

Describe activities and/or sports each family member participates in: (ex: camping, hiking, dance, crafts, debate, drama, art, music, reading, soccer, baseball, horseback riding, etc.)

Describe your expectations regarding the responsibilities and behavior of the student while in your home: (ex. homework, household chores, curfew, computer/email, etc.)

Identify those personal expenses expected to be covered by the student: _____

Community Information:

In what type of community do you live (e.g.: Urban, Suburban, Rural, Farm)? _____

Population of community: _____

Nearest major city: (distance and population) _____

Nearest airport: (distance) _____ City or Town Website: _____

Briefly describe the host family's neighborhood and community: _____

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What points of interest are near the area (parks, museums, historical sites, etc.): _____

Exchange Information:

We would prefer to host a: Girl ___ Boy ___ Either ___

Have any family members lived or traveled abroad? Indicate when and where: _____

Have you hosted an exchange student before? _____ If yes, when? _____

For which exchange program? _____

U.S Department of State regulations prohibit families from hosting relatives. Is the student you plan on hosting related to you or anyone in the house? Yes ___ No ___

Will you be hosting more than one exchange student in your home at the same time? Yes ___ No ___

Household Income: NOTE: This income data will be used solely for the purposes of ensuring that the basic needs of the exchange student can be met including quality meals and transportation to and from school activities.

Less than \$25,000	___	\$55,000 - \$65,000	___
\$25,000 - \$35,000	___	\$65,000 - \$75,000	___
\$35,000 - \$45,000	___	\$75,000 and above	___
\$45,000 - \$55,000	___		

Does anyone residing in your home receive any kind of public assistance? Yes ___ No ___
If yes, explain: _____

The Exchange Committee must schedule a personal visit to your home to meet with the applicant and family members. What is the best time to call to schedule this meeting? _____

A second individual interview with the applicant will be scheduled after the home visit.

The following are also needed to complete the application:

1. Applicant's Statement
2. Parent's Statement
3. Guidance Counselor Recommendation
4. Instructor's Recommendation
- 5 Two Host Family Reference Recommendations

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Student Applicant's Statement

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 exchange program?
6. What do you see as your responsibilities to your exchange partner?
7. What do you want the committee to know about you that would set you apart from other applicants?
8. Please comment on personal strengths and on 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 _____

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Parent's Statement

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. You may use both sides of this sheet. 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.

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Student's Counselor Recommendation

Submit this page to your Counselor. Attach a stamped envelope addressed to:

**Jon Keckonen
1542 Golf View Dr. E.
Sheboygan, WI 53083**

Applicant's Name _____

Counselor'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 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 five-month hosting and five-month study in the Esslingen student exchange program?

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

Counselor's signature

Date

Counselor: Mail this form directly to the exchange committee member. If the applicant is accepted for the exchange, we will send you further information about the German student who will be at your school from August – December.

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Submit this page to one of your academic instructors. Attach a stamped envelope addressed to:

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Instructor Recommendation

Applicant's Name _____

Instructor's Name _____

School: _____ Phone Number _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Number of semesters of German completed (if applicable) _____ Grade average _____

Ability in conversational language: ___Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Average ___Needs Work

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 five-month hosting and five-month study in the German student exchange program?

_____ Highly recommend _____ Recommend _____ Recommend with reservations _____ Not recommend

Instructor's signature

Date

Instructor: Please mail this form directly to the exchange chairperson shown above.

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Host Family Recommendation

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

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Name of reference: _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

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

Your relationship/interaction with the family _____

In your opinion this family's ability to host a student from a different culture:

____ Excellent ____ Very Good ____ Average ____ Needs Work

Would you recommend this family for the five-month hosting in Sheboygan?

___ 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

Reference: Please mail this form directly to the exchange committee member shown above