



How do I become a host?

- ✓ be in Year 10, 11, or 12.
- ✓ want to share your way of life in Australia with a new family member.
- ✓ have permission from your school to host a student.
- ✓ be able to provide a student with their own room for the exchange between mid-June to late August.

Applications open early January and close at the start of March



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Who are we?

Fritz von Einem Joosten established Scholarships for Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE) in 1967 after emigrating to Australia and becoming a successful businessman.



Fritz had experienced the horror of war first-hand, and was seriously injured on the Russian Front during World War II.

It was his founding belief that violence and conflict could be avoided if young people from different countries could meet and learn from one another.

SAGSE awards scholarships for Year 11 and 12 students to travel to Germany in late November and return early February. The exchange program aims to give students an insight into a foreign culture and establish friendships between countries.

Since its inception in 1967, SAGSE has provided scholarships to more than 1500 students.



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Hosting Information

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Goodwill in Action - Since 1967



Hosting

Host families welcome a German student into their homes as another member of the family, sharing everyday life experiences in Australia.

German students are between 16 - 18 years old and have previously hosted an Australian student in their own family, understanding what it is like to share everyday experiences with someone new.

German students attend school with their Australian host and are strongly encouraged to take on the opportunities of an exchange while living with you.

Each family has a local coordinator for support as needed, as well as connections to our helpful alumni volunteers from the German Australian Students' Society (GASS), affectionately known as GASSies.

Cost

There is no upfront cost to apply to host.

Host families cover the general living expenses for the student as they would another member of the family.



FAQ

How long is the exchange?

German students arrive mid-June and stay until mid-August (approx. 10 weeks). Exchange students and their hosts are encouraged to attend scheduled group activities as well as Winter Camp in the July school break, a 4-day trip organised by our alumni.

How are students matched?

We work closely with our partner organisation to carefully match students on a range of criteria such as shared hobbies and interests, personality, and what students hope to get out of the exchange on both sides.

Dietary requirements, allergies, gender preference (e.g. If you attend a single-sex school) and other factors are also considered.

How does hosting relate to the scholarship?

Hosting an exchange student does not guarantee selection for a future outbound program. However, it can provide meaningful opportunity for students to demonstrate how they engage with SAGSE's aims and values when applying for the scholarship as captured in the motto 'Goodwill in Action'. In particular, intercultural understanding, responsibility, and community involvement



What is the selection process to host?

There are two stages: a written application, followed by a home visit. You'll likely have a lot of questions too, so this is a great chance for everyone to get on the same page, and determine if the program is right for you and your family.

If successful, our team will work with your school to enrol the student and make sure they have everything they need.

SAGSE is a registered non-school exchange organisation with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).



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