



CBYX/PPP

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CBYX Hosting FAQs

What are the benefits of hosting a CBYX fellow?

- Learn a new culture.
- Share your own culture and learn more about it from a new perspective.
- Build lifelong international friendships and lasting memories.
- Internationalize your own community.
- Gain new global perspectives.

How are placements decided?

Placements for fellows are decided based on professional classes available at the local college, job prospects, and host availability. We try our best to match the requests of the college and the host family with our pool of participants. The sooner we have information on the requirements of the college, and the requests of the host family, the more likely it is we can make the placement work.

How much is the host stipend?

Hosts can request a monthly stipend of up to \$225. This will be paid for the duration of the stay. Cultural Vistas will pay the stipend while the fellow is in school. Upon start of employment, fellows are required to provide the host with the stipend directly. Partial months are provided for on a per diem basis when the fellow does not live with the host for the whole month.

What are the expectations for the host family?

We ask that hosts provide food for two meals a day and a private bedroom for the fellow.

A host should also be interested in having a young German in their home for a year and want the opportunity to share their culture with the participant, as well as to learn from them. We hope that the fellows are integrated into daily life. Hosts should expect fellows to help out around the household and participate in family activities and celebrations. Many hosts share hobbies with their participant, visit local attractions together, and celebrate holidays, birthdays, and special occasions together, as well.

A wide variety of hosts are invited to participate: families, single adults, empty nesters, young couples, and more!

What expenses should the fellow cover themselves?

Fellows are responsible for their own individual costs such as telephone, personal items, and some food. All fellows are required to buy a car (unless adequate public transportation is available) and they will cover all related expenses themselves (including insurance, gas, repairs, etc.). Fellows are also expected to find their own jobs and internships, but any tips that the host can provide would be appreciated.

What are the fellows like?

All fellows are 18-24 years old. They have been personally selected by a German Member of Parliament to be citizen ambassadors to the United States, and they come from all backgrounds and fields across Germany.

Why do we need a site visit?

Because CBYX is overseen by the U.S. Department of State, someone in the community, usually our contact at the local college, will visit potential hosts to verify that the home is a safe and clean place for a student to live. This is usually a formality, but it's also a way that the State Department monitors this part of our program. It also gives the family the chance to describe house rules and expectations for the fellow.