



German Back to Back Scholarship Application

Program Coordinators: Herr Ernst 841-3741 rm. 122 JHS & Frau Woodring
841-2356 rm. 715 MSP

Student Name _____

School _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Student Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Primary
Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Work Phone _____

Full Participant Traveling Only Hosting Only
(traveling & hosting) (cannot host) (cannot travel)

Secondary
Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Work Phone _____

Participant Age/Grade as of June 1st of 2025 _____

Does anyone in the family smoke in the home? Yes No

Will your exchange student attend religious services with your family? Yes No

Does your child currently receive free/reduced lunch? Yes No

Are you in need of financial support? Yes No

If yes, partial full

Have you (student) ever been away from home without your guardians for more than a weekend?
(Camp, vacation with friends, etc) Yes No

Please describe your experience.

Those interested in scholarships will complete a statement of need blindly evaluated by a diverse selection committee.

Essays should be no more than 300 words in length.

Students may choose one or more of the following topics:

- 1. Describe why you are interested in this opportunity.
- 2. Describe the benefits of traveling abroad.

Bring your application and the \$250 down payment (payable to: German Back to Back) to one of the coordinators at Jackson High School or the Middle School at Parkside.

Please write your student's name in the memo area. Note: If you must leave the program, you will be refunded your money minus \$50 and any airline fees incurred.

What is involved?

- The student group will travel to Germany in June, 2025 for approximately three weeks with Herr Ernst and Frau Woodring as chaperones. We will fly into Frankfurt and begin our *vacation in Rüdesheim, where we will stay in a youth hostel, tour the city, take a Rhine river cruise, and visit a castle. We will then travel by train to Varel, we will take numerous excursion trips, attend parties, shop, and participate in school activities. The Germans will arrive in Jackson late Sept./early Oct. for an 18 day stay. Weekends are left free for your family to relax and enjoy time with your exchange student.*
- Cost is \$3,000 for traveling students. Students may wish to have an additional \$300 spending money. Parent-led fundraising is an option to help students pay a portion of the trip. A partial scholarship may be offered to a qualified individual.
- Students can opt to travel and host, only travel, or only host. Hosts do not pay any fees, but are expected to prepare sack lunches, transport students to JHS or MSP on excursion days, purchase a program T-shirt for the exchange student, and introduce the German student to life in America.
- There are a few required informational meetings in preparation for the trip and a few planning committee meetings prior to the arrival of the German group in the fall.
- You will be matched with your German student prior to winter break. These kids start learning English in 3rd grade as a required subject in school, so don't worry if you don't have any German language background.

No teacher, other students nor JPS would be responsible in the event a participant (adult or student) engages in dangerous or unacceptable behavior such as, but not exclusive to, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or any similar behavior. The chaperones and JPS will not be subject to a suit or other legal action in the event of such behavior. The parent(s) or guardian(s) will be contacted to provide a one-way ticket for the student from the nearest airport to the student's current location at their own expense. A chaperone will escort the student to that airport to catch the flight. The student will terminate their flight at Detroit Metro, where the parents are responsible for picking up the student. No refunds will be issued.