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VIDE Encourages Eligible Students to Apply for Fully Funded Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is encouraging eligible students across the Territory to apply for the 2027–2028 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX), a fully funded scholarship that provides students with the opportunity to spend an academic year studying and living in Germany.

Administered by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), CBYX annually provides 210 scholarship recipients with the opportunity to attend a German high school, live with a German host family, and participate in cultural immersion activities and educational seminars. Throughout the experience, students serve as youth ambassadors, representing their hometowns and sharing American culture while developing a deeper understanding of German language, culture, and society.

The CBYX program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and jointly funded by the German Bundestag and the U.S. Congress. Previous German language experience is not required to apply.

Through the program, students have the opportunity to develop valuable language and career skills, strengthen their leadership abilities, build relationships at home and abroad, and become part of an alumni network committed to advancing the U.S.-Germany partnership. The experience can also provide students with a valuable advantage as they prepare for college and future careers. Current high school seniors may also consider CBYX as a gap-year opportunity.

To be eligible, applicants must: be a U.S. citizen; born between February 1, 2009, and August 1, 2012; and have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5

The 2027–2028 CBYX application deadline is November 3, 2026. There is no application fee, and interested students are encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. Applications can be completed online at **www.usagermanyscholarship.org**. For additional information about the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, visit **www.ciee.org/cbyx** or email **cb@ciee.org**.

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