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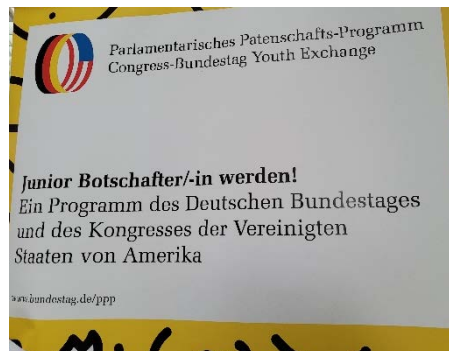
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Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX):

- Program founded in 1983, in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the first German immigration to the United States
- Created to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen diplomacy
- Funded by U.S. Congress & German Bundestag





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U.S. Department of State Exchange Programs

www.exchanges.state.gov

The screenshot shows the homepage of the U.S. Department of State Exchange Programs website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to ECA, Exchanges, J-1 Visa, Alumni, American English, EducationUSA, and StudyAbroad. Below this is the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs logo and the text 'EXCHANGE PROGRAMS'. There are buttons for 'NON-U.S. CITIZENS' and 'U.S. CITIZENS'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search this website'. Below the search bar is a blue navigation bar with links to Find Programs, Exchange Experience, Travel & Living Arrangements, Parents & Families, and Hosting & Volunteer Opportunities. The main content area features a large image of two young women wearing headscarves, with the text 'The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study (YES) Abroad 2020-2021 application is now'. To the right of this image is a section titled 'FIND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS' with a search bar and a dropdown menu for 'Programs For: All participant types'. Below this is a section titled 'FEATURED PROGRAMS' with a small image of a woman.

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All 3 CBYX Programs

www.usagermanyscholarship.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links to PROGRAMS, HOW TO APPLY, ABOUT, FAQ, BE INSPIRED, and APPLY TODAY!. Below this is a large image of a group of young people holding German flags, with the text 'Scholarships to Study Abroad in Germany'. A red button with the text 'SELECT YOUR STATE' is overlaid on the image.



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Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX):

- Programs administered through U.S. Department of State ECA and individual NGO student exchange programs: www.exchanges.state.gov
- 3 CBYX Components: www.usagermanyscholarship.org
 - ❖ Young Professional (ages 18.5-24, 75 participants, reciprocal)
 - Applications due Nov 1, 2022 [Cultural Vistas]
 - ❖ High School (ages 15-18.5, 250 participants, reciprocal)
 - Applications due Dec 1, 2022 [AFS, ASSE, CIEE, YFU]
 - ❖ **Vocational** (gap year, ages 18-19, 25 participants, only U.S. to Germany)
 - Applications due Dec 1, 2023 [Nacel Open Door]



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CBYX Vocational Program Qualifications:

- Graduating high school senior (gap year program)
- 18-19 years old by August 1 of departure year
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA on 4.0 scale
- U.S. Citizenship
- Previous German language study not required, but very helpful
- Willingness to spend a year in Germany, serving as a young ambassador of the United States



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CBYX Vocational Program Application: Due December 1, 2023

- Student Application & Student Information Summary
- Nominator Recommendation
- Activity Supervisor Recommendation

Program overview, application instructions and forms available on Nacel Open Door website: www.nacelopendoor.org/cbyx

Selection Interview, Semi-Finalist Application: January – March, 2024



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CBYX Vocational Program Includes:

The scholarship provides:

- International group flight to/from Germany
- Medical insurance
- Support from Nacel Open Door in the U.S.
- Support from Open Door International in Germany

Students provide their own:

- Domestic transportation to/from Washington, D.C.
- Personal spending money (\$5,000; need-based financial aid may be available)



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CBYX Vocational Program Format & Timeline*

- ❖ Pre-Departure Orientation: 3 days, August, in Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Intensive German Language Course: 8 weeks, in Bonn, live with host family
- ❖ Move to long-term host family: October, anywhere in Germany
- ❖ German High School Attendance: 3 months / through December
- ❖ Mid-Year Seminar: January, in Weimar
- ❖ Internships: January through May
- ❖ Year-End Seminar: May, in Berlin
- ❖ Re-Entry Workshop: 2 days, June, in Washington, D.C.

* Timeline & details subject to change! While set in basic structure, the program varies from student to student in terms of host family placement, school attendance, and internships.



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CBYX Vocational Program Highlights: Washington D.C., Weimar, & Berlin Seminars





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CBYX Vocational Program Highlights: Local Activities & Cultural Events



Living
with
Host
Families



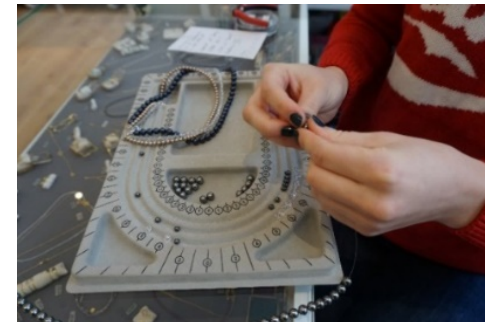
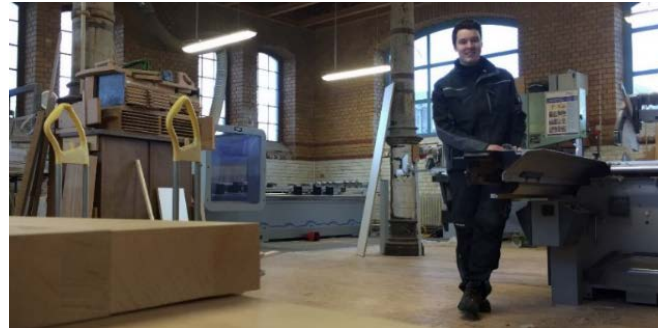


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CBYX Vocational Program Highlights: Language School & Internships





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CBYX Vocational Program Benefits:

- **Language** & cultural proficiency
- Lasting **friendships**: host family, school & work friends, fellow participants
- Independence & personal growth
- Increased academic & career focus
- Job skills & work experience from internship
 - **Exposure to German dual education system and apprenticeship model**
- Membership in CBYX Alumni Association
- Membership in **U.S. Department of State Alumni Association**
 - Access to scholarships, career opportunities, academic journals, research & project grants, educational & vocational seminars



ANDRÉ BECKETT

CBYX 1997-98

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Field of Interest: Film/Television

"From my experience working in Germany, I was able to secure jobs working in the same industry in the U.S. ... I credit my success to my experience in the CBYX program. I've made a commitment to serve my community and to champion the ideals of cross cultural exchange programs."

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André worked for a recording studio in Berlin, where he forged relationships with film and television professionals.

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André is currently teaching at a high school for the creative and performing arts. He's been awarded the National Liberty Museum's Teacher as Hero Award. He's also worked on *The Last Airbender* and *Captain America: Civil War!*



HECTOR FLORES

CBYX 2009-10

Hometown: El Paso, TX

Field of Interest: Journalism

"Congress Bundestag Vocational Youth Exchange shaped me into who I am today. ... There's no doubt that CBYX has played a fundamental role in my career and personal growth."

CBYX

Hector went to Germany with an interest in Dentistry, but after interning in a dentist office, decided it wasn't his passion. With a keen interest in soccer, he studied Journalism and Sports Communication upon his return to the U.S.

NOW

Hector is currently working in multimedia journalism for Deutsche Welle (Germany's international broadcaster) as a reporter in the sports department, and travels all over Germany (and worldwide) for his job.



JOYCE DO

CBYX 2017-18

Hometown: Alameda, CA

Fields of Interest: Psychology, Education

"Participating in the CBYX program was the best decision I made. It prepared me for college and all in all made me a more open person. It was a great self discovery year. Now looking back on my gap year, it feels as if it was a dream. As cheesy as it sounds, the people I've met and friendships I've created will last a lifetime."

CBYX

Joyce interned at a Kindergarten, which she found fun and engaging, and led to her minoring in Education.

NOW

Joyce is currently attending university in California, with a major in Psychology and a minor in Education.



MEGHAN WOLFGRAM

CBYX 2008-09 • Hometown: Palm Bay, FL • Fields of Interest: Animals, Business

"It gave me an incredible chance to explore unique vocational opportunities, a new culture and language, and to bring my enthusiasm, and my own culture to the family I lived with, community I lived in, and the people that I worked with. I'm unaware of too many other scholarship opportunities available like that for young, curious, ambitious 18-year-olds!"

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Meghan worked on a prestigious horse farm in Germany. Her experience on the program prepared her for the purchase of her own small horse farm.

NOW

Meghan is currently the founder and co-owner of SwiftPaws, an exercise program for dogs, where she shares her passion for giving animals the best life they can have.



OPHELIA ANWAH

CBYX 2015-16 • Hometown: Gainesville, VA • Fields of Interest: Medicine, Sociology

"Being able to experience a field I thought I might have an interest in, before making a big commitment, was worthwhile. ... (CBYX) taught me that no matter where you go in the world, we're not all that different."

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Ophelia worked in medical internships while in Germany. She started without any knowledge of German and now can comfortably hold a conversation in the language. She also met amazing friends, and gained a sense of self and independence.

NOW

Ophelia is currently studying Sociology on a Pre-Med track, with a possible minor in German. She credits her CBYX experience for leading to many other opportunities and setting her apart from competition.



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International Education Opportunities

www.nacelopendoor.org

- CBYX Vocational Scholarship
www.nacelopendoor.org/CBYX
- Be a Host Family
www.nacelopendoor.org/host-families
- Be a Local Rep
www.nacelopendoor.org/lrs-and-coordinators





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