ETC Academic Year to Germany (AY2G) Scholarship Overview

The purpose of this scholarship is to award 3 full scholarships and (12) $3000 scholarships to resourceful and mature students who are passionate about participating in international exchange, bettering their community, and striving for self-growth. The full program cost without a scholarship is $9500. This scholarship is for ETC Study Abroad students who will be participating on a 2011-2012 Academic Year to Germany.

Eligibility

ETC AY2G candidates are individuals who exhibit outstanding character in regards to scholastic achievement, maturity, leadership, teamwork, and volunteer service in their communities. Students will be expected to serve as ambassadors of their schools, of ETC, and of the United States. As such, students will compete for scholarship according to the proficiency they demonstrate in each of the above capacities, in addition to meeting the following minimum requirements:

- **Age Requirement:** Students must be in high-school and at least 15.6 years of age by their program departure date.

- **Academic Requirement:** Students must submit a copy of their high-school transcripts with a preferred GPA of 3.0 or above (exceptions may be made at the discretion of the screening committee).

- **Language Requirement:** No foreign language background is required to apply for the AY2G scholarship. However, scholarship recipients will be expected to enroll in basic German instruction at the time of selection. Furthermore, preference may be given to candidates who exhibit a strong background in foreign language acquisition, particularly those with a proficiency in German.

Application

To apply, please complete all application materials enclosed in this packet. A checklist has been provided for your convenience. **All application materials must be submitted in their entirety and postmarked by April 15th.** Any applications postmarked after April 15th may be considered for the study abroad program, but will be subject to the full program cost of $9500. Students who have not submitted their complete applications by April 15th will not be considered for the scholarship. **Winners will be notified by May 15th, 2011.**
AY2G Application Checklist

☐ Personal Information Cover Sheet

☐ Short-Answer Questionnaire

☐ Completed Essay

☐ Student and Parent Letter to Host Family

☐ Teacher Recommendation (2)

☐ Community Service Supervisor Recommendation

☐ Official School Transcript

☐ Medical Statement and Immunization Records

☐ Copy of Passport (or proof of application) and 8 Passport Photos

☐ ETC Code of Conduct / Terms of Participation

☐ Liability Waiver

☐ $100 Application Fee and Payment Policy Agreement –

Please submit all application materials except Application Fee/Payments to the following:

ETC AY2G Scholarship
c/o Brenda Gray-Ferland
11535 E. 6th Ave.
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Application FEE and Payments should be submitted to:

ETC/AY2G – ATTN: Bookkeeper
1029 SW Washington St.
Portland OR 97205
AY2G Personal Information Cover Sheet

Please type or write legibly to complete the following information:

Full Name: _______________________________ DOB: ___/___/____

Address: __________________ City:________ State:_____ Zip:____

Phone: (____)_____________ Email: __________________________

Gender: (Check one) ☐ Male ☐ Female

Parent or Guardian: __________________________________________

Address: __________________ City:______ State:_____ Zip:____

Phone: (____)_____________ Email: __________________________

Student Lives With: (Check one) ☐ Mom ☐ Dad ☐ Both Parents ☐ Other:____

Please explain other if applicable: __________________________________________

Name of High School: ___________________ Current Grade Level____

Address: _______________________________________________________

City: __________________ State ___________ Zip____________

Counselor Name: ________________________________________________

Phone: (____)_____________ Email: _____________________________

☐ I have studied German before: ____________ Years ____________ Where?

☐ I agree to enroll in German classes or do a Self Study in German at my own expense if selected for this program
☐ I am applying only to the ETC/AY2G FULL scholarship program. If I don’t receive the FULL scholarship amount, I will not be able/willing to take advantage of a PARTIAL scholarship or participate in any study abroad program. **$100 Application Fee will be applied to domestic airfare or refunded to FULL Scholarship Winners (only)**

**Only 3 FULL scholarships are available**

☐ I am applying to the ETC/AY2G scholarship program for either a FULL or PARTIAL scholarship. If not selected for the FULL scholarship, I will be able/willing to pay the $6500 program fee, which includes a $3000 partial scholarship.

$500 due May 15th
$3000 due June 1st
$6500 (total amount) due July 1st

**Only 12 PARTIAL scholarships are available**

☐ I am applying for either a FULL or PARTIAL scholarship. However, if I am not selected I am still able/willing to participate in a Study Abroad Program to Germany through ETC at the full program rate of $9500.

$500 due May 15th
$4000 due June 1st
$9500 (total amount) due by July 1st

**All qualified applicants are eligible for participation**

I agree that if my situation changes at any time, I may withdraw my application or change the terms of my application by notifying ETC in writing PRIOR to April 15th. After April 15th, I agree to the terms above and am able/willing to begin making payments and arrangements to participate in the program selected for. No application fee refunds will be given for scholarship recipients. Comments or Questions should be directed to Brenda Ferland bferland@edutrav.org or 866-541-1639 prior to signature.

I understand the terms of this application agreement and agree to comply:

_______________________________________________________________________________  ______________________________
Student Printed Name and Signature  Date

_______________________________________________________________________________  ______________________________
Parent/Guardian Printed Name and Signature  Date
Short-Answer Questionnaire

(Please type or write legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.)

Why do you feel it’s important for American students to make an effort to understand the world around them?

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What experience have you had with people from different nationalities, ethnicities, or foreign language groups?

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Do you have any experience organizing and/or leading projects? If so, please explain.

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Please list all volunteer projects you have participated in throughout high school. Approximately how many hours have you participated in the last 12 months?

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Short-Answer Questionnaire (cont’d)

Why do you want to be an exchange student to Germany?

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What do you think will be your biggest challenge as an exchange student and how will you overcome this challenge?

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How do you feel about being away from your friends and family for an extended period of time? How do you think you will cope with homesickness?

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List 3 personality traits you have that you feel will be an asset to you as an exchange student in Germany?

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Please type or write legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. Essays will be judged on the quality and relevance of the answers, demonstration of critical thinking skills, and overall structure and presentation. Essays must be free of grammatical and spelling errors. You may use the back page or attach a separate typed page if additional space is needed.

ETC maintains the belief that student exchange programs hold great potential for positive impact on the individual as well as the community. In approximately 500 words, please give a thoughtful answer to the following three questions: In what ways do you hope to grow as a person as a result of your study abroad program? What positive changes will you bring to your host community during your program? How will your experience abroad equip you to be a better American citizen upon your return?

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AY2G Student Introduction Letter

(Please write a letter introducing yourself to your future host family. Be sure to describe your own family, your hobbies and interests, and why you want to be an exchange student.)

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AY2G Parent Introduction Letter

(Please have your parents write a letter introducing and describing you to your future host family.)
ETC Academic Year to Germany Scholarship
Teacher Recommendation # 1

(Students, please hand in to teacher with a stamped envelope and have him/her return to the address below.)

Student Name__________________________     Teacher Name:______________________________

How many years have you known applicant? _____________________________________________

What three words best describe applicant? __________________________________________

Briefly describe applicant’s academic standing and classroom participation:
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Briefly describe applicant’s interaction with classmates and teachers:
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Based on the above, how would you recommend applicant for this program?

☐ With highest approval
☐ With approval
☐ With some hesitations
☐ I do not recommend applicant

Teacher Signature_______________________________________    Date: _____/_____/_______

(Please return to the following address by April10th :)

ETC AY2G Scholarship Committee
11535 E. 6th Ave.
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

Address any questions or comments to Brenda Ferland at bferland@edutray.org or 866-541-1639
ETC Academic Year to Germany Scholarship
Teacher Recommendation # 2

(Students, please hand in to teacher with a stamped envelope and have him/her return to the address below.)

Student Name__________________________     Teacher Name:__________________________________

How many years have you known applicant? ________________________________

What three words best describe applicant? ________________________________

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ETC Academic Year to Germany Scholarship
Community Service Recommendation

(Students, please submit to volunteer coordinator for each service project you’ve participated in within the last twelve months. Please include a stamped envelope and have them return to address below.)

Student Name_______________________ Supervisor Name:__________________________

Volunteer project:____________________ Approximate # of hours:__________________________

How long have you known candidate? ____________________________________________________

Please describe student’s participation in volunteer project in terms of attitude, cooperation, ability to follow instructions, etc.

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Supervisor Signature:_________________________ Date: _____/_____/_____

(Please return to the following address by April 10th:)

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Apache Junction, AZ 8512

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# Grades & Transcripts

Name:

Last____________________________________First____________________________________Middle____________________

Attention school representative: Please translate the student’s grades into A-F letter grade equivalents and indicate numeric scale (A = 93-100, B = 85-93, etc).

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**Transcript prepared by:**

Official's name:________________________________________
Title:____________________________________

Signature ______________________________ Date: __________

*Attach Official Transcript*
*Must include most current and 3 prior years of grades*
*Must have official notary stamp or seal*
Medical Statement

Name:
___________________________________  First_________________  Middle__________

This section must be completed by the student’s physician. Please type or print in black ink.

Physician’s Name:__________________  Patient Since:__________________

Parent’s Signature:__________________  Date:__________________

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Physician's Signature: ____________________________

Please Place Official Physician's Stamp Here

Clinic Name: ____________________________

Date: _______ / _______ / _______
Please attach copy of passport (or proof of application)

Also include 8 passport photo pictures in a sealed envelope
Code of Conduct/ Terms of Participation

This section must be read and signed by both the student and his/her parents/legal guardian(s).

1. I am applying to participate because I wish to be an exchange student to improve my German skills, to learn about the German culture, and to share my culture with others. Any student that is found to be on the Education Travel & Culture (ETC AY2G) program against their will may be terminated from the program.

2. I will serve as an Ambassador of my country while in Germany. I realize and understand that it is a privilege to be an international exchange student and those only students who demonstrate maturity and strong academic skills are allowed to participate in the ETC AY2G program.

3. My placement is at the sole discretion of ETC AY2G and Partnership International. I understand there are no guarantees, expressed or implied, as to the family type or location where I will be placed. I understand that the purpose of the program is to participate in an academic and cultural exchange in Germany. I will respect and adapt to any placement regardless of the state and region; whether the placement is in a rural setting, small town or large city.

4. I have been accepted for the program enrollment with the understanding that my German level must be sufficient to allow for immediate enrollment and attendance at a German High School. Should I be presented to the high school and admissions and be denied on the basis of insufficient German skills, I will be subject to an early program termination and returned to my home country.

5. Visits by my relatives or friends from my home country are NOT permitted during the program. Visiting relatives and friends are only allowed AFTER the completion of the ETC AY2G program and AFTER I have been released from the ETC AY2G program. I will make arrangements for lodging for visitors outside of the host family home. Independent travel and visitation by friends or relatives during the program is considered a serious violation of ETC AY2G rules and may result in immediate or early termination from the program.

6. I understand that my host family is not compensated and is hosting me on a volunteer basis. I will not compare my host family to other host families or to my natural family. I understand that moving host families is only allowed after all measures to adapt and resolve all conflicts are exhausted. I respect and understand that ETC AY2G or Partnership International reserves the right to make any final decision regarding host family moves.

7. I understand that the host family to which I have been assigned will be my host family for the duration of the program unless otherwise noted. I will make every effort to adjust to and become a member of the host family and community.

8. I must not break host family rules about curfew, household chores, dating etc., for which I am responsible.

9. Dating of host siblings or host relatives is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN regardless of whether or not the host family, natural family, foreign partner and/or other parties are in agreement. Any student suspected to be dating or in abnormally close relationship with any host family member or relative
will be moved from the host family. Sexual relationships with any one during the program are absolutely forbidden.

10. I understand this is an educational exchange program and, as a result, attendance at school is mandatory. I must maintain a 'C' average. If I cannot, I must make every effort to improve my academic standing. If a 'C' is not achieved, private tutoring at my own expense will be required by ETC AY2G to maintain a satisfactory standing in the program. If I fail to maintain at least a "C" average, I may not be authorized to continue in the ETC AY2G program. I must follow all attendance requirements at my high school. If I am expelled from high school due to poor behavior or low grades; I will be sent home at my own expense.

11. I will be required to take a full academic course load at school and will agree to take required German high-school classes.

12. I understand that in addition to my academic performance, I will be required to speak German and will limit my use of my native language as much as possible. I will take advantage of this opportunity to be an exchange student and to improve my German. I may be required to take additional German classes at my own expense in order to improve my language skills enough to be successful in school and communicate effectively with my host family and peers.

13. I will not burden my host family, coordinator, ETC AY2G, PI or school with any efforts regarding college/university testing or applications needed in the USA. I acknowledge that ETC AY2G and PI are not responsible for helping me with any college/university entrance or placement exams.

14. I understand that I may not receive credit for the classes taken at my German high school. I understand that it is my responsibility to meet with my guidance counselor or university advisor prior to departing the USA to discuss what classes I should take. I also understand that my purpose for being in Germany is to learn the German language and culture, that I may not receive any US credits while I am abroad, and that the German schools are not responsible for giving me classes in which I can receive credit.

15. While in Germany, I am always under the jurisdiction of the national, state, and local laws and of the rules of the school in which I attend. It is imperative that I obey all laws.

16. I am also responsible for following all ETC AY2G and PI rules. The use of all non-prescription drugs is illegal for everyone in Germany. Therefore, I may use only those medications which are prescribed by my doctor. The use of any illegal drugs during the program is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program.

17. I agree not to smoke or use oral tobacco products such as chewing tobacco. ETC AY2G is a non-smoking program for all students, regardless of their age.

18. Consumption of alcohol is prohibited by ETC AY2G and PI, regardless of the age of the student, or special occasion. Consumption is strictly forbidden and will lead to immediate termination from the program.

18. I may not drive motorized vehicles even if I possess a legal driver’s license. Host families, natural parents, or any other authority figure cannot revoke this rule. There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule.

19. I may not travel alone or hitchhike. If I plan to travel, I must be accompanied by a responsible adult or have the written permission of my host parents, my natural parents, my community coordinator, and Partnership International.
20. I may not travel while school is in session without the written permission of my teachers. If I receive permission to travel after the program is completed, I must have written permission from my natural parents and a signed ETC AY2G program release form. I may not visit my home country during the program.

21. My parents and I agree to ETC AY2G program rules limiting contact with family members to once a week for no more than one hour, whether via phone, internet, text messaging, or other means of electronic communication.

22. I will limit non-academic computer use to no more than thirty minutes total per day in accordance with ETC AY2G rules. Inappropriate comments or material in any language posted on social networking sites or sent via other forms of media (MySpace, Facebook, etc.) may be grounds for probation or program termination. My personal network accounts must conform to ETC AY2G rules before I depart my home country.

23. I may not make any life-changing decisions or actions while on the program. This includes marriage and changing religions, although I may explore the tenets of any religion. Additionally I understand that ETC AY2G forbids tattooing body piercing or dyeing hair to a different color during the ETC AY2G program.

24. Should a problem arise during the program, I must call my community coordinator or the main Partnership International office first before contacting my natural parents or the sending organization (ETC AY2G).

25. I am expected to return home to my native country with the ETC AY2G group unless I received approval and signed an ETC AY2G program release. ETC AY2G and PI reserve the right to refuse any extension request and to demand immediate return home upon completion of the AY2G program.

26. I will not participate in unsafe activities such as skydiving, bungee-jumping, or hang gliding. I will confirm insurance coverage for any potentially dangerous activity. I will request approval for and will never take part alone in such sports as snow sports (snowboarding, snow skiing, inner tubing, etc); hiking; swimming; boating; or other potentially dangerous pastimes.

27. I must have a minimum of $250.00 per month available to meet expenses not covered in the program (school books and fees associated with extracurricular activities, school lunches if purchased at school, etc.), transportation to and from school, as well as personal expenses. Before and end of the year expenses should be expected to be more. I understand that my host family is only responsible for 3 meals per day and housing. I am responsible for all other expenses including but not limited to the following: the purchase of all specialized foods that the host family does not eat, movie tickets, travel expenses while with the host family, etc.

28. The immunizations listed in the health statement section of the application are required by all schools in the USA. I therefore understand that I may need additional immunizations required by the German school. I will be responsible for getting those immunizations at my own expense.

29. I agree to pay for any medical expenses not covered by insurance. If required to pay before treatment, I will do so on my own. If ETC, PI or my host family pays any medical bills, I agree to reimburse them upon request once I have returned to my home country.

30. I agree to pay any outstanding debts before I return to my home country. If ETC, PI or my host family pays any such debts on my behalf I agree to reimburse them upon request. I am responsible for paying for any property damage I may cause.

31. No refund will be given to any student who cancels or withdraws from the program after July 1st.
32. Program Termination: Education Travel & Culture (ETC AY2G) and Partnership International reserve the right to terminate program participation for the violation of any program rules and/or when a participant’s mental and/or physical health, as determined solely by ETC AY2G or PI, are in jeopardy.

33. The student and natural parents/legal guardians agree to uphold the standards set by Education Travel & Culture, Academic Year to Germany, Partnership International, the school and the family with whom the student will live, for the duration of the program.

34. The student also agrees to maintain friendly and respectful relations with teachers, program coordinators, classmates and all family members, and to accept and follow rules of conduct imposed by said family and to participate in family life as much as possible.

35. I understand and agree to obey all the terms stated. If ETC or PI terminates my program, I am responsible for paying for my ticket home.

36. The student and natural parents/legal guardians agree to uphold the standards set by Education Travel & Culture, Partnership International, the school, and the family with whom the student will live, for the duration of the program.

I understand and agree to the terms of the ETC AY2G Scholarship Program

Student Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______/____/_______

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______/____/_______

Additionally if selected to participate in the AY2G Program, each student must agree to complete an additional application provided and required by Partnership International that includes supplementary information about you and your family structure including your interests, hobbies, diet, host family expectations, and religious preference, etc.

Students and families must also agree to the specific rules of the German organization – Partnership International (PI). Please review and agree to the PI rules below:

Partnership International e.V. (PI), its agents, affiliates, officers, directors, staff, regional and local representatives (collectively “PI”) and the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) (“Parents”) and student (“Student”), understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this Program Agreement (“Agreement”) relating to Student’s participation in PI’s student exchange program (“Program”). Parents and Student are referred to collectively as the Participants (“Participants”). Adults and their resident children who volunteer to host a student for the Program term are referred to as the Host Family (“Host Family”). The country, in which the Student’s program is taking place, will be referred to as the Host Country (“Host Country”).

Selection Standards: All PI Students must meet the selection standards for exchange students which includes, but is not limited to German proficiency, bona fide student status, and academic preparation.

Student Application and Admission: PI accepts Students with the expectation that the information contained in the Student Application is complete and true. Any breach of one of the Statements of Truth within the Student Application could provide grounds for consideration of dismissal from the program. PI has the sole discretion to determine whether the Student will be admitted into the Program and such determination is final. Important: If any changes occur to the Student’s health (such as a change in Student’s medication), PI must be immediately informed.

Placement and Diversity: While PI makes every effort to take individual needs into consideration while placing Students with Host Families, PI may be unable to accommodate all preferences and characteristics of the Student in the placement process. PI expects each student to adjust to the family selected for him or her, regardless of their ethnicity or the size of the community. It is important to understand that there is no “perfect” Host Family and community. Students must accept
the Host Family and community PI selects and make every effort to become a member of the Host Family and community and participate successfully in the academic high school program.

**Dissimilarities or Differences in the Host Country:** In addition to learning the language of the Host Country, the student is expected to make every effort to adapt to the culture and lifestyle of the Host Family and the Host Country. There may be significant cultural, economic, and lifestyle differences between the student’s home country and Host Country including those in health care services, living conditions, transportation systems, educational systems, criminal justice, civil liberties, customs, values and acceptable behavior with regards to age and gender. Participants must be aware of and accept these differences as part of the Program, and accept the risks associated with traveling and living in another country.

Parents must take responsibility to educate and prepare the student for the inherent risks associated with foreign travel and living abroad. PI will regularly monitor the student’s progress and is available in person or by telephone to provide regular ongoing support and emergency assistance during the Program. However PI cannot and does not provide constant direct supervision of the student. The student must be responsible for taking the initiative to communicate with PI and seek help as soon as she/he needs assistance.

As a condition of acceptance into the Program, the Participants agree not to hold PI liable for any injuries and/or damages suffered during the Student’s participation in the Program resulting from any risks associated with international travel and living abroad, and any negligence and/or international acts caused by any third party, including but not limited to any member, guest, employee or agent of the Host Family or other person in the Host Country.

**Living Expenses:** Parents agree to provide the Student with a sufficient amount of spending money to cover personal expenses and incidentals during the Program so as not to be a burden on the Host Family. Students must reimburse the Host Family for extraordinary expenses such as personal telephone calls, medical bills, textbooks, school activity fees, or damages that may occur.

**Financial Responsibility:** We recommend that students not to open joint savings/checking accounts/cell phone agreements or engage in any other financial agreements with their Host Families. PI is not responsible for financial restitution to students or the natural parents resulting from these agreements.

**Rules**

1. **Host Family Regulations:** Students must obey host family regulations including, but not limited to, rules regarding curfew, household chores, dating, contact with home, and computer and phone privileges (including personal laptops and cell phones). Students are responsible for covering the cost of all long-distance and international telephone calls as they incur them. Students may not have guests in the host family’s home without their host family’s consent and supervision.

2. **Academic Life:** PI is an academic program. Students are responsible for attending school and achieving good enough grades in every class. They must follow all academic and behavioral requirements as defined by their high school or PI. If the school administration determines that a student is no longer welcome to attend due to behavioral or academic problems, the student may be dismissed from the PI program. PI does not in any way guarantee that students may enroll in graduating classes, graduate, or receive a grade report. Students must accept and obey their school’s policies.

3. **National Laws:** Students are subject to the authority and laws of their host country and must obey all laws and regulations. Exchange students are not exempt from legal prosecution. Participants agree to hold PI blameless for any or all consequences that may result from a student breaking the law of the land. Breaking the law is grounds for dismissal from the PI program.

4. **Drugs:** The use or possession of non-prescription drugs or controlled substances is illegal. Students may only take medications prescribed by their doctor or medicines commercially available in the host country. Use of illegal drugs is grounds for immediate dismissal from the PI program. Exchange students arrested for drug use or possession face the same penalties as citizens of the host country, including mandatory fines or prison terms.

5. **Drinking and Smoking:** Students may purchase or drink only appropriate alcohol as determined under the host Country’s law. Alcoholic misuse can lead to dismissal from the program. The rules of the host family and school must be followed. Alcohol use during PI seminars is strictly forbidden. Smoking during the program is also allowed as regulated under the Host Country’s law.

6. **Driving:** Students may not drive motor vehicles, except during participation in a formal driver’s education program because students’ insurance does not cover these activities. Students may only participate in driver’s education with the permission of the natural parents, host parents, and PI. Students are not allowed to be passengers on motorcycles, motorbikes, or scooters. They are not allowed to purchase or own any motor vehicle.

7. **Travel:** Students are not allowed to hitchhike or travel alone. For every trip, a student must complete a “Request for Student Travel” form and needs to be accompanied by a responsible adult (25 years or older) unless he/she travels with the host family. The “Request for Student Travel” form must be completed by the student and needs to be signed by PI, the host family, and the host school (if the trip takes place during school). The form must be submitted to PI at least 10 days prior to the proposed departure date. Students are responsible for obtaining any necessary permissions and communicating details to PI staff about travel ahead of time. All student travel should take place during school vacation periods and only after Christmas. Students may not visit their home country during the program. If students wish to travel after completion of the program, PI must be informed and also give permission for the travel to take place.

8. **Life-Changing Events:** PI students may not initiate any “life-changing” decisions, events, or actions while in the program. This includes changing religion (though a student may explore the tenets of any religion), pregnancy, and marriage. Students are expected to refrain from sexual activity while in the PI program. Students may be dismissed from the program if they suffer from a life-threatening medical condition, such as depression or an eating disorder. Students
may not alter their body (tattoos, body piercings, etc.) in any way while in the program, even if they have permission from their natural parents.

9. Visits from Family and Friends: Visits from natural parents and friends from the student’s home country can be extremely detrimental to the student’s adjustment process and language learning. Therefore PI does not sanction visits from natural parents until the end of the program. The host family must approve all visits. Extended family and friends are not allowed to visit until the program has ended. Participants who ignore this rule may face disciplinary action. Additionally, any travel that the student undertakes with his or her natural parents must take place after the student completes the program.

10. Internet: Students will be held responsible for everything they publish in the world wide web, for example on their social network profile. This also includes links to other websites. The student must show appropriate behavior all the time in order to prevent detrimental e-mails, statements, comments or photos about the student to be published by third parties. The student must refrain from posting any content or images that indicate a violation of local, state or federal law and program rules, as well as any content or images that are perceived as obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing and hateful, or hurtful to the reputation of another person. Moreover, students must refrain from illegal downloads. Further, students must refrain from any online activity that could compromise their safety or the safety and privacy of their host family. This includes communicating or meeting with strangers, posting any information that could be used to identify their or their host family’s identity or location such as full names, addresses, phone numbers, bank and credit card information, etc. The violation of this rule may result in disciplinary procedures and may lead to dismissal.

11. Returning Home: Students will travel back to their home countries shortly after the end of the program. PI is no longer responsible for the student after this time. Participants understand that while PI reviews each student’s situation on a case-by-case basis, any infraction of any of the above rules and/or acceptable behavior may be grounds for dismissal from the PI program. PI reserves the sole and final right for decisions on student dismissals and may send a student to his or her home country immediately at any time at his or her own expense.

Insurance: All students are required to have insurance in effect for the duration of the program covering sickness and accident. Policies may not cover pre-existing conditions, injuries resulting from driving motorized vehicles, certain categories of sports injuries, injuries resulting from the commission of a crime, self-inflicted injuries, or injuries sustained from participation in high-risk (extreme) sports. Participants agree to familiarize themselves with the coverage, exclusions and limitations of their insurance policy. Any exclusions or limitations of the insurance will be the financial responsibility of the natural parents, not the Host Family or PI.

Health Care Treatment: PI will normally consult with Parents before authorizing any medical care for a student. However, a situation requiring immediate attention could conceivably occur. In such a case, the Parents consent and authorize PI or adult Host Family member to obtain without obligation, and at their discretion, any necessary medical, dental, surgical, psychological, psychiatric or hospital care, prescribed by a health care authority, for the immediate welfare of the Student. The Parents authorize the health care provider to release the Student to PI, or adult Host Family member and to release all health care records relating to the Student to PI.

Legal Proceeding: Participants consent and authorize PI to pursue or defend any legal proceeding regarding the Student during the Program, costs to be reimbursed by Parent(s). However, PI or any adult Host Family member is not obligated to pursue or defend any such legal action or proceedings. The Participants authorize any court, law enforcement agency, or any other government agency to release the Student to PI in the event that the Student is detained or held by any such entity.

Use of the Student’s Name and Likeness: Participants consent and authorize PI to use the Student’s name, photograph, file or video likeness of Student or any comments or statements of Student in materials or publications to promote the Program.

End of Program and Program Release: The end of the program is the date of the program release. Neither PI staff nor the Host Family will be responsible for a Student who remains illegally in the Host Country after the end of the Program. In addition, the Student will not be covered by any insurance policy. Participants expressly release PI, its representative organizations, and the Host Family from all liability, injury, damages or claims incurred after the termination of the Program.

Problem Notification and Resolution: PI regularly monitors the Student’s progress and is available in person or by telephone to provide regular ongoing support and emergency assistance during the Program. However PI cannot and does not provide constant direct supervision of the Student. The Student must be responsible for taking the initiative to communicate with PI and seek help as soon as she/he needs assistance. PI will make every effort to intervene and resolve these problems to help the Student successfully complete the Program. In this effort, PI may, in its sole discretion, seek a replacement Host Family, if possible within the same community. However, if the Student does not make a substantial good faith effort or if the Student violates any terms of this Agreement, PI may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Student’s participation in the Program and immediately repatriate the Student to the home country.

Agreement between Students and Originating Exchange Organization: PI has a contractual agreement with its overseas representatives to operate all programs lawfully. Beyond the terms of this contract, the Participant understands that PI is not a party to any agreement between the Student and the Partner Exchange Organization (‘Originating Exchange Organization’). Participants acknowledge that all disputes or claims arising out of any disagreement with the Partner Exchange Organization shall be resolved directly with the Partner Exchange Organization.
General Release and Hold Harmless Provisions: As a condition of the Student’s participation in the Program, the Participant agrees to release and hold PI harmless for injury, loss, delay, or any damage and expense incurred by the Student due to: (i) any incident beyond PI’s reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, crimes of violence, acts of war, or government actions and restrictions; (ii) any events directly or indirectly caused by intentional or negligent acts or omissions by any third party, including but not limited to any member, guest, employee or agent of the Host Family or any other persons in the Host Country; (iii) risks associated with foreign travel and living abroad, including but not limited to risks associated with health care, sanitation, transportation, crime, justice, legal systems, customs, and values; (iv) any differences in the living conditions and standards between the Student’s home and home country and the host home and Host Country; (v) any act or omission of the Originating Exchange Organization.

Indemnification: As a further condition of the Student’s participation in the Program, the Participant agrees to indemnify and hold PI harmless from any liability or expense, including court costs and attorney’s fees, resulting from any injury, loss or any other damage or expense caused by the Student during his/her participation in the Program.

Arbitration: The laws of Germany shall govern this agreement. The parties to the Agreement acknowledge and agree that any dispute or claim arising out of this Agreement or any resulting or related transaction shall be decided by German arbitration.

Ratification of Contract: In the event the Student is under the age of 18 at the time of execution of this Agreement, and the Student attains 18 years of age while participating in the Program, the Student agrees that continued participation in the Program after he/she attains 18 is deemed a ratification and adoption of all the terms and condition of this Agreement.

PI Program Agreement Controls: Where there are any differences between this Agreement and any other program materials, this Agreement shall control. PI cannot be legally bound or committed by any person other than a duly authorized representative. Parties are required to follow this Agreement and cannot vary from its terms.

Modification: This Agreement shall not be modified except by a written agreement that is executed by all parties hereto.

Severability: In the event any clause, sentence, term or provision of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

We have read and fully understand the program materials and agree to adhere to the PI Rules for Students and the PI Program Agreement and Consent Agreements.

Student Signature: ________________________________
Date: __________________ Location: ________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________
Date: __________________ Location: ________________________________
LIABILITY RELEASE

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________ DOB_____/_____/_______

• I hereby release Education Travel & Culture, Partnership International, the AY2G Scholarship Program and all of its employees and field representatives, and host families from all liability, injury, damages or claims which I have incurred during the program.
• Further, I understand that I will not be covered by any insurance policy after the program has been terminated.
• The undersigned, as a student of the Education Travel & Culture Academic Program, and the parents/legal guardians of the student in the program, renounce any claim against Education Travel & Culture, its employees, agents, teachers, counselors, school where the student may be assigned, or any person intervening in the Program, that might arise due to injury, damage, sickness, accident, delay, unusual circumstances due to strikes, criminal acts, war, acts of terrorism, atmospheric conditions, quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, or those derived from acts of omission of airlines, shipping companies, railroads, buses, transportation in general, hotels, restaurants or any other service given by companies, individuals or anyone related with the aforementioned.
• We understand that the student will be subject to the rules of the program, host family, school, teachers, and the community where he/she will live. We also understand that Education Travel & Culture reserves the right to terminate any student who participates in the program whose conduct may be considered detrimental or incompatible with the interest and security of the program. If this decision is ever taken, the student and his/her parents/legal guardian have no right to any refunds.
• We accept the right for Education Travel & Culture to directly, or indirectly, change, cancel, substitute in emergencies or whenever normal circumstances change, those parts of the program whose alteration may be considered necessary. We also accept the right for Education Travel & Culture to change, before and after departure, the cost of the program to meet unexpected changes in airfares or the price of transportation in general, monetary devaluation, etc. We understand that should there be a geographic move of the students for any reason whatsoever, the cost of the transportation shall be borne by the student.
• We grant Education Travel & Culture permission to use in the future any photographic or any other type of material in which the student may appear, for promotion or publicity of Education Travel & Culture's programs.

I acknowledge that both my program application and scholarship application materials are subject to approval by the ETC staff and screening committee. Moreover, I accept responsibility for all ETC program cancellation penalties, should I choose to withdraw from the program, regardless of whether I am selected as an AY2G Scholarship recipient. I release all application materials as ETC property and acknowledge that they will not be returned to me.

Mother’s Signature_________________________________________ Date________________________

Father’s Signature_________________________________________ Date________________________

Student Signature_________________________________________ Date________________________
Non-Refundable Application Fee Form

Please keep a copy of your entire application for your records

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Name of Student _________________________________ DOB: ____ - ____ - ____

Parent/Guardian ____________________________________________________________

Payment selection (check only one): Enclosed is my:

☐ check ☐ money order ☐ credit card information

Please make payments to ETC/A2G Scholarship

☐ Enclosed is my payment of $100, for the non-refundable scholarship application fee. Even if my student is not selected for the scholarship or withdraws his/her application; this non-refundable application fee is payable at the time of application submittal. If student is selected the $100 will be applied towards the program cost.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ Master Card

Account Number: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

Expiration Date: ____________ / ____________

Name of Cardholder: ________________________________________________________________

Address of Cardholder: ________________________________________________________________

City: _________________________ State: _______ ZIP Code: ___________ Phone_______________

Authorized Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

**Cancellation and refund information is detailed on following page for your reference.

PAYMENT FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO:

ETC BOOKKEEPER

1029 SW Washington

Portland, OR 97205
Fees, Payments, Program Costs and Refund Information

All applicants must pay the $100 non-refundable application fee. Payment is due at the time of application submittal. Application and Fee are due no later than April 15th and the application fee is not refundable at any time. *FULL scholarship recipients may apply $100 towards domestic travel.

If selected for the PARTIAL scholarship: A $3000 scholarship will be applied toward the $9500 program fee with a balance due of $6400. $100 Application Fee will be applied to the final balance.

- $500 due April 15th
- $3000 due June 1st
- $6400 due (total amount) July 1st

**12 PARTIAL scholarships are available**

If selected to participate in a Study Abroad Program to Germany through ETC at the full program rate of $9500. $100 Application Fee will be applied to the final balance.

- $500 due April 15th
- $4000 due June 1st
- $9400 (total amount) due by July 1st

**All qualified applicants are eligible for participation**

All payments are payable in full by July 1st unless other written arrangements are made and accepted by Education, Travel & Culture.

**If a participant provides written notification of cancellation prior to June 1st he/she MAY be eligible for partial refund if other applicants are able to step in and participate in the scholarship in your place.**

**NOT INCLUDED IN PROGRAM COSTS**

As a written reminder, ETC/AY2G is not responsible for expenses such as passport fees, visa fees, insurance, personal spending money, luggage fees, any applicable international airport taxes, optional trips or expenses during trips, telephone calls, property damage and some school expenses such as books or uniforms. Students terminated from the program will be responsible for paying for their return ticket regardless if they are on scholarship or not.

**If you have any questions regarding payment deadlines program costs, or methods of payment please contact ETC at 877-222-9803**