

HOST COMMUNITIES BENEFIT FROM CBYX

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) is a program that offers American homes, schools, and organizations the opportunity to host a young German. German CBYX participants are in the United States to attend school or complete an internship.

Participating as a host provides international exposure to families, students, and communities without the need to travel abroad. This cultural exchange also sustains and strengthens the American-German friendship.

CBYX is jointly funded by the United States Congress and the German Bundestag.



HISTORY

40

years
of CBYX

28,000+

American and German
CBYX Alumni

2,000+

American host
communities



Gained School Benefits

100% of American host schools' representatives say their schools benefitted from hosting German CBYX exchange students.



Gained Family Benefits

94% of American host families feel they benefitted from hosting German CBYX exchange participants.



Deepened Cultural Appreciation

82% of host families reported new appreciation for cultures other than their own.

BENEFITS TO AMERICAN HOSTS



Educational Enrichment

93% of host schools felt that it enriched their American students' educational experiences.



Exposure to New Perspectives

81% of host schools reported increased exposure to new perspectives and ideas.

Having people like CBYX participants on campus really helps broaden the American perspective and enriches the overall diversity in the campus community.

Host School Representative, Nevada

We have a daughter who's multiply disabled, so we can't just pick up and go anywhere. It was nice to be able to virtually experience another culture [via our exchange student].

Host Parent, North Carolina

Since I don't have kids, it let me be a mom for a teenager, which I love.

Host Parent, Kentucky

BENEFITS TO AMERICAN ALUMNI

Reciprocating the cultural exchange by joining an exchange can have further benefits to American youth.



Personal Growth

89% of alumni felt they increased their ability to adapt to difficult or new situations.



Expanded Worldviews

91% of alumni gained an appreciation for other cultures and curiosity about the world.



Increased Cross-Cultural Awareness

98% of alumni reported an increase in cross-cultural awareness.



Strengthened Communication Ability

92% of alumni reported improved communication skills.

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Initiated by the United States Congress and the German Bundestag in September 1983 to mark 300 years of the first German settlement in America, CBYX, known as Parlamentarisches Patenschafts-Programm (PPP) in Germany, is a unique, fully-funded scholarship program that provides young people a firsthand experience of the importance of international friendship and cooperation, which rests on shared political and cultural values. This data came from a 2022 evaluation that included focus groups, interviews, and a survey of U.S. alumni and U.S. host communities.