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

BENEFITS TO AMERICAN HOSTS

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.

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].**
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> 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.