

# FSA Youth Exchange

## PUPILS' EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH GERMANY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN LEARNERS

**December 2014 – January 2015 (4 weeks)**

THE HEADMASTER / THE HEADMISTRESS  
THE TEACHER (-S) RESPONSIBLE FOR ENGLISH / AFRIKAANS / GERMAN

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The **FSA Youth Exchange**, once again, invites learners from your school to apply for the FSA pupils' exchange December programme between South Africa and Germany.

**We are implementing new and exciting changes that could help parents saving a few thousand Rands! Please see the attached page.**

German as a school subject is not compulsory for our December programmes.

The FSA Youth Exchange (**FSA = Freundeskreis für Südafrika / Friends of South Africa**) is a non-governmental, non-political and non-denominational pupils' exchange organisation, registered in South Africa, registration number: (1997 / 06295 / 23).

### The 2013 top schools in the FSA programme

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| 1. Hoërskool Kalahari, Kuruman         | - 10 selected learners |
| 2. Hoërskool Lichtenburg, Lichtenburg  | - 9 selected learners  |
| 3. Helpmekaar Kollege, Braamfontein    | - 8 selected learners  |
| & Hoërskool Menlopark, Pretoria        | - 8 selected learners  |
| & Pretoria Boys' High School, Pretoria | - 8 selected learners  |



To date an impressive number of 3 857 learners have been selected to travel to Germany on the exchange programme.

## 1. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT:

### 1.1 Personal growth and development of each participant:

The impact which the stay abroad has on the intellectual and personal development of our pupils is incredible. The achievements of ex-participants are testimonial to this effect.

The stay enables the participant to broaden his / her personal views, knowledge and opinions on various cultural backgrounds. It also allows the participant to experience the different educational systems first hand.

### 1.2 Young Ambassadors for South Africa:

Our participants have the opportunity to educate German learners by representing South Africa and sharing our cultural and national history in the form of a presentation whilst attending the German schools.



## 2. DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

- 2.1 Selected South African participants stay for *one month* with a German host family (December – January). They will be treated as a member of the family and not as a guest. This includes sharing the normal household duties and German cuisine.
- 2.2 The participant will be expected to attend a *local German school* to experience the difference in education systems. Although the participants in the December programme do not formally participate in tuition, they however, must attend school daily.
- 2.3 We expect the German families to continue with their *normal way of life* while the guest is there.
- 2.4 Private visits are allowed only during the last four days of stay in Germany.
- 2.5 Switzerland tour: There will be no tours to Switzerland.

## 3. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

- 3.1 South African citizens aged *15 to 19* years may apply.
- 3.2 An application does not automatically mean participation. There will be a selection process. Details about the selection process will be made known later.
- 3.3 The selected participant must be **well informed** about South Africa and Germany. **Good communication skills** should be portrayed by the applicant.
- 3.4 The participant must be fluent in *English*. Knowledge of the German language is beneficial, but not compulsory for the one month programme.
- 3.5 The selected participant will act as a “Young Ambassador” for South Africa. The headmaster / mistress will therefore have to approve each applicant. We will send the list of names to the school for approval.
- 3.6 An email address is necessary as all communication is per internet.
- 3.7 The participant is going to stay with a *German family*. The aim is not to see as much as possible of Europe, as an individual, within a couple of weeks. The participant is **not** allowed to use the family as free accommodation to enable him / her to do all his / her private trips. Remember, the FSA is a *cultural exchange programme*.
- 3.8 It is impossible for a normal working family to entertain the guest 24 hours a day. A certain degree of independence and sufficient *self-*

*confidence* is vital, especially if the family only has younger children. The applicant must be prepared to stay either in a *city* or in the *countryside*.

3.9 A *shy* person will battle to adapt to the German way of living. There will be trying times. The ideal candidate should be able to handle these situations without withdrawing himself/herself.

3.10 *Pets* in Germany receive five star treatment. Our participants have to accept and live with the pets.



3.11 The selected candidate must adapt to the *German cuisine*. No special meals will be provided.

3.12 The selected candidate must have his / her own viewpoint about various subjects. No *racism*, however, will be tolerated.



3.13 An exchange programme is a *reciprocal agreement*. The successful participant has to host an FSA-participant within **one year** of his / her visit to Germany for the same period of time, or provide a suitable host family. A surcharge of R 2 500.00 will be levied if unable to accommodate.

#### 4. DATES:

December programme:

10/12/2014 – 10/01/2015\*

\* Indicates the day of departure from South Africa and arrival day back in South Africa. **Changes are possible!**

#### 5. THE COST:

We apologise for the extreme high flight cost. Unfortunately it is out of our hands.

Due to the weakening of the Rand and the high oil price, the airline could not give a final quote until closer to the departure dates. We only received 'estimates'. Therefore we have to break up the cost into the programme cost (fixed) and flight ticket (estimate).

**Programme cost:** R 4 620.00  
(Deposit of R 800.00 included)

**Flight ticket:** R11 546.00  
(Estimate, airport tax included)

**OR YOU MAY SELECT AND BUY YOUR OWN TICKET!**  
[See the extra page inserted into the brochure.](#)

#### IF YOU USE OF ONE THE FSA'S GROUP TICKETS:

##### Included:

- Return flights from Johannesburg to Frankfurt;
- Selection and preparation of the South African participants and the organisation of the visit to Germany;
- The selection of host families in Germany and the organising of the programme in Germany.
- Meeting of the groups on arrival and departure in Frankfurt by our German colleagues.

