



During the *three month program* the guest will *actively take part in tuition* for example homework, tests, observing school rules regarding hair length etc.

### 3. Who are our visitors?

Participants are *fourteen to nineteen years old*. The majority of participants are 15 or 16 years old. They come from all over Germany and the program is not limited to only one school or city.



### 4. Who can host?

*All interested families are invited to apply* to host a pupil for three months or four weeks regardless of whether they come from a rural or urban environment. Families are screened for suitability and we ask for references from school and friends.

### 5. What is expected of host families?

- The ideal host family must be *hospitable, friendly, warm and open minded* towards guests who come from a different culture even if they sometimes dress or act differently to what we are used to (for example nose and / or earrings, coloured hair, boys with long hair, even sometimes dreadlocks).
- Families should preferably have *children more or less the same age* as the guest, although this is not a condition.
- Host families act as *informal ambassadors* for South Africa. Can you identify with this? All countries have unique challenges. We prefer to focus on hope and sharing positive aspects which make us proud of our country.
- The guest has all his meals with the family. It is *not necessary to cater for different diets* or preferences. They eat what the family eats. Vegetarian guests eat salads, fruit, vegetables, pasta, bread or whatever else is available.
- *An own room for the guest is not a condition*. The guest is happy to share a room with a child of the same gender. The student is however expected to have his / her own bed.

- Being *able to speak German is not essential*. All communication will be in English.
- We are all aware of the crime situation in South Africa. We cannot avoid crime, but let us deal with crime in a responsible manner.
- It is *not expected* of host families to organise *extensive sightseeing programs* for guests. However, it would be *appreciated* if you could show him / her some of the *places of interest in your area*.

It would be a pity if a guest had to fly 10 000 km to only get to know the way to school and back. Do and undertake with your guest what you would like a host family to do with your child when he / she is far away in a strange country.

- The host family is *not responsible for any losses or injuries* suffered by the guest during private excursions. Participants are informed of the situation in South Africa and that they should adhere to your recommendations regarding safety.

## 6. Does it entail additional expenses?

You have no additional expenses except for *meals*. Each participant has a return airticket, pocket money and medical, accident and third party insurance. Due to the reciprocal nature of the program, families are *not remunerated* for hosting an exchange student.

FSA Germany pays school fees for the long term program and the student wears school uniform that they borrow or buy.

## 7. Where will we meet our exchange pupil? Where must they be fetched from?

The participants will fly to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. If you cannot meet your guest there *please stipulate the airport closest to you* on the application form. Your guest will then fly to this airport where you will fetch him/her.

After receiving your application form, FSA keeps in touch with you regarding the visit. This will help to make the visit as pleasant as possible for you as well as for your guest. Just like our German host families we know you will have as much fun preparing for the visit as during the actual visit.



## 8. FSA contact person:

You will have continuous *support* from the FSA during the visit.

An FSA contact person, *Suzanne Baker* is available for the duration of the stay to assist with any challenges that may arise during this period.

## 9. References:

You are welcome to *contact previous host families*. Our ex-host families are our best references. If you would like to speak to any of them, call us for contact details.



## 10. Where can prospective host families obtain application forms for 2014?

Application forms are available from the teacher concerned at your school as well as on the following website [www.fsa-youthexchange.co.za](http://www.fsa-youthexchange.co.za) or from the email address below.

Please send the **fully completed application form** to [admin@fsa-youthexchange.co.za](mailto:admin@fsa-youthexchange.co.za) as soon as possible to be processed.

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*We invite you to become part of an exceptional group of people who has added immense value to their experiences by participating in this exchange program.*

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## 11. All enquiries:

### **Our program for families hosting German students**

FSA Youth Exchange (Suzanne) Website: [www.fsa-youthexchange.com](http://www.fsa-youthexchange.com)  
P.O. Box 10618  
Fonteinriet, 1464  
Tel: 011 / 918 – 3281 Fax: 086 551 4377  
email: [suzanne@fsa-youthexchange.co.za](mailto:suzanne@fsa-youthexchange.co.za)

### **Where can prospective South African exchange students to Germany obtain application forms? (Our program to Germany)**

From your school or from the following website: [www.fsa-youthexchange.co.za](http://www.fsa-youthexchange.co.za)  
FSA Youth Exchange (Alta)  
P.O. Box 511  
Naboomspruit, 0560  
Tel: 014 / 743 1081 Fax: 086 551 4374  
email: [admin@fsa-youthexchange.co.za](mailto:admin@fsa-youthexchange.co.za)

**The FSA Youth Exchange continues to expand and thousands of South African and German families have broadened their horizons by their involvement in our programs.**