

Sister Cities Association of Belvidere, Illinois, Inc.



**To APPLICANTS and PARENTS of PROSPECTIVE
YOUTH AMBASSADORS for the SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION OF BELVIDERE**

Thank you for your interest in our Youth Exchange Program. The Sister Cities Association of Belvidere is looking forward to its fourteenth summer of Youth Exchanges.

We are looking for a total of four (4) teens from the Belvidere/Boone County area who would like to experience life in a foreign country. The four teens chosen will spend two weeks living with host families in our Sister Cities in Europe, two going to Schwieberdingen, Germany and two to Vaux-le-Pénil, France. The host families are carefully chosen by members of the corresponding organizations in our Sister Cities in Europe.

WHO CAN APPLY TO BE A YOUTH AMBASSADOR? : Teens living in the Belvidere/Boone County area who are between the ages of 15 and 20 may apply. Knowledge of a foreign language, especially the language of the country selected to visit, is a plus.

WHEN? : A two week visit will take place between July 15th and August 1st. Exact dates depend on school schedules and have not yet been set.

WHAT WILL IT COST? : Costs will include the price of a passport, a round-trip airplane ticket and other expenses incurred outside of your host-home during your trip, such as entrance fees, some meals, souvenirs and other necessities.

Belvidere Sister Cities Association will award a stipend of \$1,000. to each of the four teens chosen to assist with these expenses. Room and board will be provided by the host families. Souvenirs and purchases are the responsibility of each individual.

HOW DO I APPLY? : **Applications will be accepted after January 1, 2012.** Applicants will fill out and return the following items to: Sister Cities Association of Belvidere, Illinois, Attention: Youth Exchange Program, PO Box 1822, Belvidere, IL 61008.

To be returned are:

- 1) A completed application,
- 2) a 100 to 150 word essay explaining **“Why I would like to be a Youth Ambassador”**
- 3) and three (3) letters of recommendation. Two of the three letters of recommendation should be from a teacher, counselor, or minister. The third one can be from a friend.

The DEADLINE for receipt of the complete application is FEBRUARY 01, 2012.

WHAT THEN? : After reviewing all of the applications, the Selection Committee will contact each applicant to arrange for an interview. Interviews are scheduled for February 20, 2012.

IF CHOSEN: If selected to represent the Sister Cities Association of Belvidere as a Youth Ambassador, **proof of “Health and Personal Liability Insurance” will be required for participation in our program.**

Need further information? Contact: President Joan Lund at 815 505 3707
Youth Exchange Coordinator Brad Peters at 815 544 2950
or request info at belvideresistercities.org

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YOUTH AMBASSADOR APPLICATION / 2012

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Date _____

I would like to be a Youth Ambassador to the following Belvidere Sister City:

_____ **Schwieberdingen, Germany**

_____ **Vaux-le-Pénil, France**

_____ **Either city**

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Sex:** M F

Date of Birth: _____ **Citizenship:** _____

Name of School: _____ **Grade:** _____

Names of Parents: _____

Home Address: _____

My Home Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Father's Work Phone : _____ **Email:** _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Siblings-Name, Age & School: _____

(over)

List activities, hobbies, things you like to do: _____

Have you studied any foreign languages? Which ones and how many years?

1. _____ Yrs. 2. _____ Yrs. _____

Have you ever traveled outside the U.S.? _____ Where? _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay of 100 to 150 words that explains
“Why I would like to be a Youth Ambassador”.

For the Parents:

Health: Concerns, observations and precautions to take: _____

Other comments: _____

Signature: _____ Parent _____
(applicant)

Would your family consider hosting a teenager either this year or another year from one of
our Sister Cities? _____

DIRECTIONS:

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The complete application, including the essay and three letters of recommendation, must be received at the address below by February 01, 2012. Two of the three letters of recommendation should be from a teacher, counselor or minister. The third letter can be from a friend. If selected, proof of insurance will be required. Interviews will be conducted on February 20, 2012 unless other arrangements are made.

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