



Program Requirements

Secondary program applicants must:

- Be no more than 17 years old during the exchange
- Be enrolled in school for the entire school year of the exchange
- Have above average academic standing and good attendance record
- Have up-to-date immunizations (*required for school enrollment*)
- Have at least one course in or a basic knowledge of the language of the host country
- Plan courses with care and arrange with teachers in advance to complete requirements for credits (***No credits are granted for participating in the exchange***- the student is responsible for ensuring they receive all their credits while abroad)
- Be recommended by their teachers, guidance and school principal
- Not be employed while their exchange partner is visiting
- Be able to greet their partner upon his/ her arrival (*late August, exact date T.B.A*)

The applicant's parent(s)/ family members must:

- Have a home that: is clean and orderly; has adequate space for the visiting partner; is free of substance abuse, physical abuse, or any other form of abuse
- Be warm, caring and open; be able to host a student in a supervised, safe and comfortable atmosphere; can provide for all meals and the cost of family activities for the student during the hosting period
- Be willing and able to **speak only English** at home during the hosting period
- Assume responsibility for ensuring their son or daughter has the travel documentation he or she requires for travel to/from Europe
- Understand and agree to the ***reciprocal*** nature of the exchange program (*hosting a partner for the time designated is required*)
- **Submit a clear Vulnerable Sector Check** for each adult aged 18 and over living in the host home(s) (*dated within one year of the start of the hosting period*)
- Maintain regular communication with the exchange partner's parent(s)/family throughout the exchange year

Program Costs

Participation costs for the 2018 Go First Exchange Program are:

Total Cost for exchanges with Europe: \$2,999

- **\$450 Registration Fee** to be submitted by October 16, 2017
- Balance of **\$2549** due November 30, 2017

Total Cost for Exchanges with Quebec: \$1200

- **\$450 Registration Fee** to be submitted by October 16, 2017
- Balance of **\$750** due November 30, 2017

Program fees include:

- Accompanied international air travel from Toronto Pearson Int'l Airport in economy class on regular airlines
- Unaccompanied connecting service travel (flight or train) in the host country, where required
- Travel insurance: cancellation and interruption, AND emergency medical /hospital

- Orientation tour or activity day in the host destination
- ISE administration fee

Exclusions:

- Personal spending money
- Domestic flights or shuttles for the Ontario student to/from Toronto Pearson Airport and any associated fees or costs (i.e. checked luggage)
- Excess or overweight baggage charges imposed by the airlines
- Expenses resulting from travel changes caused by events beyond the control of ISE Ontario.