



The Give Back Exchange Fund

Grants Available to Nominated School Students

Help equip your students with a competitive edge and an investment for life

Nominate up to 5 students to apply for a grant from the Give Back Exchange Fund

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange have collaborated to set up the Give Back Exchange Fund, worth \$1 million. This fund has been created with a desire to give back to the community and provide more opportunities for high school students to experience both sides of the exchange program, from living life abroad to welcoming an overseas student into their home.

Being an exchange student is a rewarding, challenging and fun experience. Participants are not a tourist or a guest. They are actually living in their host country as a member of that community.

Students who go on exchange:

- are placed with a host family and attend a local school.
- live like a local and become immersed in the culture.
- learn the language and gain invaluable international experience.
- learn a lot about themselves.

Can your school nominate students who are bright, open minded, flexible young people who are willing to move outside their comfort zones and who want to learn about the world and themselves.

Student exchange programs promote tolerance, maturity and independence. They also encourage an international perspective. In a very competitive world these are highly sought after qualities.

The Give Back Exchange Fund will provide 60 exchange students across Australia with a grant that will dramatically reduce their program fee. Students will pay only for their flights, insurance, visa application fees and any required airport assistance fees. All other fees will be covered by the Give Back Exchange Fund.

Students in Australia can apply for the following grants that are on offer once they have been nominated by their school. The below program fee payable will cover the flights & insurance costs:

Program Duration	Destination	Grants Available	Program Fee Payable
Academic Year	Denmark	5	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Finland	5	\$2,990*
Academic Year	France	10	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Germany	10	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Italy	10	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Norway	5	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Spain	5	\$2,990*
Academic Year	Sweden	5	\$2,990*
Academic Year	USA	5	\$2,990*



A \$500 deposit is required upon application. If the student's application is not accepted the \$500 will be fully refunded. The above Program Fee Payable will cover the flights & insurance costs. This fee does not include airport assistance on departure, visa application fees or the items listed on our 'not included' list. For a list of inclusions please refer to the Give Back Exchange Fund inclusions list.

We would love to offer your school the ability to present one or more of these grants publicly within your community as your own School's Exchange Grant.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange are not-for-profit organisations that are registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia. Both organisations are the only two secondary student exchange organisations in Australia to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System). A consumer centric quality management system is essential for identifying and managing the expectations of our students and their families and ensures the highest standards of care and support to their participants.

The Benefits of Student Exchange Programs - An Investment for Life

Being an exchange student is an investment for life and complements a student's formal education in important and exciting ways. The experience of living or studying overseas can bring enormous rewards:

- Learn about the world firsthand
- Open career doors they didn't know existed
- Get to know how others live and see the world from another perspective
- Learn another language
- Test themselves and acquire independence and maturity
- Make new friends and appreciate old ones even more
- Gain experience and judgement

Long after students return home their exchange experience will influence and inform their life. It will provide them with a substantial backdrop from which to make future study and career choices. Employers are increasingly alert to the benefits of student exchange. The experience sets participants apart from the crowd and marks them as people who have proven themselves in challenging circumstances.

How to Apply

To start the application process students will need to complete the required application forms that are available online before the application deadline. Nomination forms are also available online.

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Give Back Exchange Fund Inclusions List

- Meet and Greet service pick up upon arrival
- Return economy airfare with recognised airlines from the applicants nearest capital city in Australia
- Travel to and from the host family at the beginning and end of the program
- Comprehensive medical, baggage insurance & personal liability
- Application process and selection interview
- Assistance with the applicant's visa application (applicants must pay the visa application fee)
- Host family screening and selection
- Enrolment at the participant's host school
- Pre-departure orientation and materials, including parent and student handbooks
- Access to a personalised online resource and reporting centre packed with info to help the applicant prepare and make the most of their exchange
- Safety Card that lists contact details for our office staff, local coordinator, host family, regulating authority and overseas partner. These cards also contain the 24/7 emergency phone numbers
- Assistance with airport check-in at the major hubs in Australia (if requested)
- Arrival orientation and materials in the participant's host country
- 24 hour emergency assistance
- Professional support throughout the participant's time away as necessary and required
- Welcome home pack and opportunities to become a returned student advisor

Not included

- Visa application fees
- Airport assistance on departure
- Passport and visa costs – individual students are responsible for the cost of passport and visa application. Visa application costs and procedures vary from country to country. Details are available from our offices.
- Life's Little Extras - while the participants are away, their host family will provide them with food and accommodation. However, they will need to take some extra spending money for some of life's little extras.

Applicants should have enough money for any purchases they may need including personal items, telephone bills, textbooks, school uniforms, locker fee, purchase of lunch at school cafeteria, gifts for family and friends and any optional excursions they may take during their time away. These costs will vary depending on their host country.

The Give Back Exchange Fund - FAQs

1. What are the 3 criteria that must be met in order to be eligible for a Give Back Exchange Fund Grant?

Answer:

- You are deemed eligible to enrol on the exchange program
- Your family is willing and able to host an inbound student. If your family are unable to host you or your school must source an alternative family who would host on your behalf.
- Your school accepts the incoming student

2. How do you, as a company, determine that the 3 criteria are met?

Answer: You must meet the student qualification criteria as specified in the Terms and Conditions

3. How long do I have to host for?

Answer: For the Australian program, you will be required to host for an Academic Year Program (approx. 10 months).

4. Can I change the length of my program from a year to a semester or short term?

Answer: No, you cannot change the length of your program. The fund is only open to Academic Year programs in Australia.

5. Can I choose the duration of time for which we must host an inbound student?

Answer: No, you must host for 10 months

6. Who decides which student my family will host?

Answer: We will place a compatible student with your family, although, when available, a list of students will be provided for your family to choose from. They may not necessarily come from your host country.

7. Can we host if we are a separated family?

Answer: Yes, the inbound student can either stay with one parent for their full program duration or they can alternate between both parents according to the established practices of the family.

8. What are our responsibilities as a host family?

Answer: Your basic responsibility is to welcome the student as a member of your family and to provide the same care and support you would give to your own children. We ask that you provide full board and own bedroom if different gender. Students assume the normal responsibilities as a member of your family and are expected to undertake the same simple chores you would expect your own children to do. We will cover enrolment fees and the student will purchase uniforms/text books etc if required.

9. How do we know if our family is suitable and eligible to host.

Answer: Volunteer host families must be suitable and compliant with the Australian National Guidelines. All our host families are interviewed in their home to ensure they can provide a safe and comfortable environment. Families must provide a minimum of 2 reference checks and each family member must also have a valid working with children check in accordance with the relevant National State or Territory requirements.

10. My family is unable to host. Can I still apply for a grant under the Give Back Exchange Fund?

Answer: Yes, you can! There are 2 options:

- Option 1: you can pay a non-hosting fee of \$2500
- Option 2: you or your school can source an alternative family who would host on your behalf. Host families must meet the required vetting criteria.

11. Does my family host before, during or after my exchange program?

Answer: It is preferable for your family to host before you depart on your exchange. Consideration can be given to hosting during the exchange.

12. What will happen if we agree to host but the hosting arrangements fall through for some reason?

Answer: As per the Terms and Conditions a further \$2500 becomes payable

13. Do I have to pay a hosting bond before departure?

Answer: No

14. I want to go on exchange, my family wants to host, but my school will not accept my exchange student. Am I still eligible?

Answer: No. Your school must be willing to accept and enrol the incoming student.

15. Who will pay the school fees if the inbound exchange student is accepted at a private school?

Answer: School fees are not applicable. The school must agree to waive the school fees.

16. Will fees be charged if I go on program but must return early due to compassionate or compelling circumstances?

Answer: No fees will be charged.

17. Will fees be charged if I go on my program but choose to return early, or my program is terminated due to my behaviour?

Answer: A fee of \$1000 AUD and a day amount of \$33.33 AUD will be charged for each month of the program missed.

18. How much is the deposit and when do I have to pay it?

Answer: The deposit is \$500 and is payable on application. It is refundable if you are not accepted onto the program.

19. When do I have to pay the balance of the program?

Answer: 2 months before departure

20. Are all of your destinations available under this fund?

Answer: No. The destinations available under the Give Back Exchange Fund are:

- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- USA



21. Will my country of choice be guaranteed?

Answer: No, however we ask you for your top 3 destination choices because we only have limited number of grants available for each specified destination. We would like to offer applicants the ability to receive a grant to their 2nd or 3rd choices, if their first preference is full.

22. Are the number of grants per destination limitless?

Answer: No, the number of grants are limited and are offered on a first-come first-serve basis between both SCCE and Student Exchange Australia New Zealand.

23. Can I choose the region I live in while on exchange?

Answer: Yes, if the country offers regional guarantees you can apply and pay the additional charge for this benefit.



The Give Back Exchange Fund - Grant Nomination Form

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange have collaborated to set up the Give Back Exchange Fund, worth \$1 million. Both organisations will decide which students will receive a grant from the fund.

Grants are allocated on the basis that

1. the student meets the standard eligibility criteria and
2. the nominating school has agreed to find volunteer host families for an inbound student of the same duration as the outbound student's participation. Schools can choose the appropriate inbound student to match their school interest or curriculum. Volunteer host families must be suitable and compliant with the Australian National Guidelines. Ideally the family of the nominated student going on exchange is the preferred family to host an inbound student. In the case where the nominated outbound student's family cannot host or are non compliant, hosting can be split between 2 families over the duration of the hosting period. Schools are required to facilitate hosting within a 12 month period from awarding this grant to the outbound student.

How to nominate your students

Any school may submit a maximum of five nominations per year. Each nomination must be submitted on a separate form. Additional nomination forms are available online. Incomplete forms may be considered ineligible for assessment.

Students need to send the completed nomination form along with their exchange application form and \$500 deposit to their preferred organisation before the application deadline:

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand The Give Back Exchange Fund PO Box 1420 Mona Vale NSW 1660, Australia Ph: 1300 135 331 email: info@studentexchange.org.au website: www.studentexchange.org.au	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange The Give Back Exchange Fund 14 Ranelagh Drive Mt. Eliza Victoria 3930, Australia Ph: 1800 500 501 Email: scceaust@scce.com.au website: www.thisisscce.com
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The Give Back Fund - Nomination Form

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINATING SCHOOL (print in black ink)

Nominated Student Details	
Last Name (as per passport)	
First Name (as per passport)	
Student's Current School Year	
Address	
Suburb	
State	Postcode
Country	
Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
Student's Program Preferences	
Students applying for a Give Back Exchange Grant can apply for the following destinations: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden or the USA. Please indicate their 3 top preferences below.	
1st destination preference	
2nd destination preference	
3rd destination preference	
Program Duration	
Program Duration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Year (9-12 months)	
Departure Date	
<input type="checkbox"/> January 2020	
<input type="checkbox"/> August -September 2020	
Details of the School Submitting Nomination	
Name of School	
School Address	
Suburb	
State	Postcode
Country	
Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
School Official	

School Confirmation - Student Eligibility

We confirm that the nominated student recommended by the school meets the following eligibility requirements:

- still at school when they apply
- is in good physical and mental health
- has maintained the equivalent or better than a C grade average since Year 9 (Australia)
- is mature and open-minded
- is flexible, adaptable, responsible and ready to learn
- is aged between 15 and 18 years old when they commence their exchange program (exceptions may be made for 14 and 19 year olds)
- is an Australian or New Zealand resident
- is reasonably sociable, emotionally stable with an ability to integrate with others
- can cope with the demands and difficulties encountered in a foreign country

School Hosting Agreement

Our School acknowledges that if the student is successful in receiving a grant from the Give Back Exchange Fund, our school is required to find volunteer host families for an inbound student of the same duration as the outbound student's participation. Volunteer host families must be suitable and compliant with the Australian National Guidelines. Ideally the family of the nominated student going on exchange is the preferred family to host an inbound student. In the case where the nominated student's family cannot host or are non compliant, hosting can be split between 2 families over the duration of the hosting period. Schools are required to facilitate hosting within a 12 month period from awarding this grant to the student.

Our school agrees to find volunteer host families for an inbound student arriving in the selected month below.

- January
- July

School Official - please sign

I have read, understood and accept the above terms and conditions.

Full Name

Title of School Official Completing this form

Signature of Official

Date

PRIVACY: Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Ltd are collecting information about the applicant to assist in determining whether s/he is eligible for the program, to administer the application and to provide information to the overseas partner organisation and host family concerning the applicant. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Ltd may not be able to process this nomination or provide the program to the applicant, if all the requested information is not provided. Information collected and held about you may be used from time to time for marketing other products and services for which we believe you are eligible. Information you provide may from time to time be disclosed to, and collected from overseas partner organisations, schools, host families and volunteer coordinators. Under the Australian Privacy Act 2000 amended March 2014 and the New Zealand Privacy Act 1993, individuals have rights of access to, and correction of, their personal information. Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Ltd will hold all information you provide. If you want to access your information, or to change it, please contact us via email. The school official authorises Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd and Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Ltd to send the school commercial electronic messages for any of the purposes set out in this clause.