

RCHS/Gars Gymnasium Cultural Exchange Application

In June of 2019, students and staff from Richland County High School will continue the Cultural Exchange Program with our partner school, Gars Gymnasium. Students and staff will travel to Gars, Germany and spend approximately two weeks living with a host family, attending school at Gars Gymnasium, and touring the local area. Anticipated dates for the trip are June 20 – July 2. Gars is located in Bavaria, which is in the southern part of Germany. Also, Gars is near the city of Munich and the border with Austria.

The final cost of the trip is still to be determined, but based on previous trips to Germany, the cost will be approximately \$1,500. This cost will include airfare, ground transportation, etc. The total cost will be determined when the trip itinerary is finalized later this school year.

Interested students should complete the application below, which includes an essay. The criteria for participating in the cultural exchange are also listed below. **Applications are due by Wednesday, October 10th.**

- 1) RCHS Student In Grade 10 – 12
- 2) Consideration Given Based On:
 - a. Serving as a host family in past exchanges
 - b. Application essay
 - c. School record

There will be an informational meeting for interested students and parents on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m. in RCHS Room 116. Please bring completed application to this meeting.

Full Legal Name: _____
(Name as it appears on passport)

Birth date: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Self-Characterization

(Write a short paragraph describing yourself.)

Essay:

(Attach an essay of approx. 250 words that states why you want to participate in the cultural exchange and what you hope to learn from the experience.)



Parent Consent/Release and Waiver of Liability/Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization:

As the parent/legal guardian of _____, I grant permission for him/her to travel to Gars, Germany and participate in all the trip’s activities. I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, hereby release and waive all claims against Richland County Community Unit #1 and their chaperones for any liability or injury resulting from the student’s participation in the Germany trip and activities. I, on behalf of myself and the student, also agree to hold harmless and indemnify the entity and persons named in this paragraph from all damages incurred arising from any claims related to the student’s participation in the trip to Germany.

I further grant permission for the student to receive any and all emergency medical attention and treatment deemed necessary in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc., at the request of Richland County Community Unit #1 representative presenting this Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization, until such time as I may be contacted. I hereby assume responsibility for payment of such medical attention and treatment.

I have read carefully and understand the significance of the foregoing and acknowledge on behalf of myself and the student, my consent to and agreement with the terms of this Release and Waiver, and Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization, by signing below:

Parent’s Printed Name

Parent’s Signature

Date