



Tempe Sister Cities



Professional Educator Exchange Application

"If we are to teach real peace in this world ... we shall have to begin with the children." -- Gandhi

Visit: Regensburg, Germany Zhenjiang, China Lower Hutt, New Zealand

Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France Skopje, Macedonia

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Regensburg, Germany



Lower Hutt , New Zealand



Zhenjiang, China

TEMPE SISTER CITIES ***PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM***

≈ WELCOME to an INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM! ≈

PURPOSE OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXCHANGE

The objective of this program is to provide an opportunity for Tempe educators to develop professional educational growth and understanding among the people of **Regensburg, Germany; Zhenjiang, China; Lower Hutt, New Zealand; Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France; or Skopje, Macedonia**, through a family living and school teaching experience. Your family needs to be supportive of your participation and time commitment to this educator exchange. Family is important; however, *this exchange must be a priority to you*. Therefore, it is essential for you to plan ahead for family commitments so you will be **available** for **ALL MANDATORY** exchange activities.

This is a professional educator exchange and is **NOT** for independent travel/activities **before or after** the educator exchange. As a participant in the exchange, understand that this program does in no way include a spouse, family member(s), or friend(s) for this foreign travel. Chosen educator ambassadors will be expected to adhere to the educator exchange travel date calendar and will depart and return to the U.S. as a group since your airfare will be paid by the Tempe Sister Cities Corporation.

EDUCATOR'S TIME COMMITMENT

The actual exchange trip for the Tempe educators to Germany, China, New Zealand, France, and Macedonia will be 2 to 3 weeks in the summer of 2013 (June/July); however, the travel dates are still to be determined. They vary each year due to the host countries' schedules. It is **mandatory** that the educators **attend orientation meetings** before the departure date, participate in Sister Cities activities, give talks about the exchange experience, and generally help plan and promote the exchange program. The selected educators must attend these get-togethers **BEFORE** leaving for Germany, China, New Zealand, France, or Macedonia. This needs to be a **PRIORITY!** **Failure to do so will result in altering the final group traveling to Germany, China, New Zealand, France, or Macedonia.**

EDUCATOR RESPONSIBILITY ABROAD

The Tempe educators will live in the homes of Regensburg, Zhenjiang, Lower Hutt, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, or Skopje educators and share with their students by teaching prepared lessons or leading class discussions. Educators are expected to be professional and to be cooperative in the family living experience. The educators will participate in **ALL** scheduled activities.

EDUCATOR RESPONSIBILITY UPON RETURN

It is expected that participants will act as gracious hosts to the Regensburg, Zhenjiang, Lower Hutt, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, or Skopje educators during their visit here. A calendar of activities/events for the visiting educators must be submitted and approved by Linda Parrish a minimum of two weeks prior to their arrival. They should promote a positive experience for the visiting educator both at school and at home. The anticipated date of the German educators' arrival for their 3-week stay will be approximately March 21, 2013; the dates of the Chinese and New Zealand educators' visits will be tentatively Fall/Winter of 2013; the French educator's visit (2 weeks) and the Macedonian educator's visit (2 weeks) in 2013 will be announced when determined by each of their countries.



Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France



Skopje, Macedonia

You may be asked to make a report of your foreign experience to the Tempe Sister Cities Governing Board and to your faculty. You are expected to plan and promote the program for the following year. It is expected that participating educators will become active members of the Tempe Sister Cities Corporation and support and participate in Sister Cities activities and organizations (i.e. Oktoberfest, Hackett House, Youth Exchanges, etc.). Without the Sister Cities organization and the City of Tempe's administrative and schools' support, there would not be an exchange program. **Involvement is essential.**

COSTS

Air travel expenses will be paid by the Tempe Sister Cities Corporation. You will provide your own spending money. The families in Regensburg, Zhenjiang, Lower Hutt, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, or Skopje will provide room and board. Participants will reciprocate in kind when their Regensburg, Zhenjiang, Lower Hutt, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, or Skopje hosts become our guests here as they did for you while visiting them. Upon selection, participants are **required** to join the Tempe Sister Cities Corporation. A family membership is \$35, due upon selection. Previous participants have experienced out-of-pocket expenses as a part of the reciprocation, which vary depending on activities and group plans. For more information, contact Linda Parrish (<http://www.tempesistercities.org> ⇒ [Exchange Programs](#) ⇒ [Professional Educator Exchange](#) ⇒ [Application](#)) or former educator ambassadors. (See attached Expenses for Educator Exchange estimates and Fellow World Travelers Calendar).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant must

- 1) be a U.S. citizen;
- 2) be employed by an accredited school within the city limits of Tempe;
- 3) have a minimum of three years teaching experience;
- 4) continue employment with their current Tempe district/school for the 2013-2014 school year; and
- 5) be a full-time educator.

APPLICATIONS

Informational posters are located at the Principals' offices of the TUHSD high schools, TD#3 and Kyrene elementary and middle schools, and at the district offices. Other schools will have the posters available in their front office, too. In addition, explanatory fliers are available at all principals/headmasters' offices. Applications can be obtained on the Tempe Sister Cities website (www.tempesistercities.org ⇒ [Exchange Programs](#) ⇒ [Professional Educator Exchange](#) ⇒ [Application](#)). All **completed applications must be received** by one of the following individuals **on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 29, 2012:**

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| Veronica Flores, Asst. Supt. Ofc., TUHSD District Ofc., 500 W. Guadalupe Rd., Tempe, AZ 85283 | 480-345-3704 |
| Loretta Meador, Supt. Ofc, TD#3 Admin. Ctr., 3205 S. Rural Rd., P.O. Box 27708, Tempe, AZ 85282 | 480-730-7102 |
| Sandy Anderson, KYRENE Educational Services, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd., Tempe, AZ 85284 | 480-541-1125 |
| Other Schools: ATTN Linda Parrish, TSC HACKETT HOUSE, 95 W. Fourth St., Tempe, AZ 85281 | 480-967-0029 |

SELECTION PROCESS



All applicants will participate in personal interviews with the selection committee. Selected educator ambassadors will be required to sign a contract of participation and responsibility (Professional Educator Exchange Agreement).

PASSPORTS

Obtaining a passport in a timely manner prior to departure is the responsibility of the participant.

THE TEMPE SISTER CITIES CORPORATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION



EXPENSES FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

There is a commitment to the program, which is expected of you. With that commitment is a responsibility for hospitality on your part and showing your counterpart from Germany, China, New Zealand, France, or Macedonia the “best” of Tempe, AZ, and the United States. “Put your best foot forward and entertain with grace and sincerity.”

Foreign Travel Expenses

Estimate in \$'s

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| Tempe Sister City Family Membership | | \$35 |
| Passport/Visa | http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html | |
| File for by the end of January | Renewal \$110 | New Passport \$135 |
| Personal necessities for trip | Varies depending on where traveling | |
| Spending money for Germany/China/New Zealand/France/Macedonia | Personal/Souvenir money varies depending on individual wants | |
| Gifts for your hosts | | |
| Purchase of trinkets, momentos, & gifts | | |
| Miscellaneous discretionary money | | |

EXPECTATIONS:

Room accommodations (at your home); food for your guest (prepared or readily available)

You will have the following expenses here: (items 1-5 will be based on your and/or group decision*)

1. Travel expenses while here for your guest (bus fare, light rail, etc.)
2. Meals out for your guest (individually or as a group)
3. Activities and event entry fees (museums, zoo, athletic events, etc.)
4. Travel trips seeing the state of Arizona
5. Miscellaneous expenses and purchases

OPTIONAL: The participating educators will have the opportunity to take advantage of the Rosetta Stone language program offered by Harrison Middleton University. Level 1 is recommended for participants in the language class. This program can be used towards the “continuing education” requirement if completed in its entirety and class hours are paid; otherwise, there is no cost, except \$50 for books.

All expenses above (1-5) are assumed by your host teacher while you are in their country; therefore, you are expected to assume these same financial responsibilities for your visiting teacher.

*Any plans/group activities agreed upon by the group members must be **paid equally by all members** of the group.

Remember: The Tempe Sister Cities Corporation is paying your way to Germany or France (estimated cost \$1700), China (\$1,800), New Zealand (\$2,200), or Macedonia (\$1,700); however, your visiting teacher **does not** have airfare provided for her/him. We are the **only country** in our exchange **that pays teachers' airfare.**



Fellow World Travelers!



CALENDAR – 2012-13

October 15, 2012
(Monday)

Applications Available On-line
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(Monday)

Applications **due** by 3 p.m.

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ATTN: Loretta Meador
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OTHER SCHOOLS:
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November 1, 2012
(Thursday)
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Applicant Social Mixer
Location TBD
Linda Parrish will contact applicants

November 7 and 8, 2012
(Wednesday & Thursday)
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Individual Interviews
Location TBD
Linda Parrish will contact applicants

January 10, 2013
(Thursday) – Time TBD (To Be Determined)

***Mandatory Ambassador Get Acquainted Social Attendance required of ALL selected candidates for the exchange – Location TBD**

February – April (varies with country) 2013

***Mandatory Orientation Meetings (4-5) w/Country Liaisons for the selected candidates (TBD)**
Group cohesion/camaraderie is built at these
***Missing these will necessitate delegate's removal from the educator exchange program**

March 21 – April 11, 2013
(Tentative window for visitors)

REGENSBURG visits Tempe

May 2013 (as soon as school ends)

Tempe Educators visit
BEAULIEU-sur-MER, France

June/July 2013
(Tentative travel window)

REGENSBURG, Germany,
ZHENJIANG, China, or
LOWER HUTT, New Zealand

To Be Announced
To Be Announced
To Be Announced

SKOPJE, Macedonia

BEAULIEU-sur-MER visits Tempe
SKOPJE visits Tempe

Fall/Winter 2013
(Tentative window for visitors TBD)
China & New Zealand educators come at separate times

ZHENJIANG visits Tempe
and
LOWER HUTT visits Tempe

