

ANNOUNCEMENT

February 19, 2010

North Dakota School Boards Association and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, in cooperation with Atlantik-Brucke, announce the following opportunity:

- All-expense-paid study tour of Germany for social studies and history teachers
- June 26-July 9, 2010
- Guidelines and application materials are enclosed
- Please share this notice with social studies/history faculty in your district
- Download additional forms at *www.ndsba.org*
- Application deadline is March 22, 2010

Fellowship To Germany

Two-week study tour
June 26-July 9, 2010

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The North Dakota School Boards Association and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, in cooperation with Atlantik-Brucke (Atlantic-Bridge), announce an opportunity for social studies and history teachers to apply for an all-expense-paid study tour of Germany from June 26–July 9, 2010. Over 600 American teachers from various states have participated in this study tour to date.

The purpose of the study tour is to deepen the knowledge of high school social studies/history teachers about German/American relations, the Holocaust, post-WWII Germany; and to promote a better understanding between the United States and Germany.

Ten educators will be selected to participate in the study tour. Attendance at an orientation meeting in Bismarck in April focusing on basic information about German society is required. On June 26, participants will leave from Bismarck for Germany to take part in an intensive two-week program that includes meeting with educators, political leaders, and business people. North Dakota social studies teachers will have unique access to representatives of German institutions such as the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Chancellery, the Federal Ministry of Economics, and German corporations and universities. The itinerary has not been finalized, but tentative plans include visits to the cities of Hildesheim, Dresden, Berlin, and Frankfurt.

About Atlantik-Brucke

Atlantik-Brucke (Atlantic Bridge), founded in 1952 as a private, nonpartisan organization, seeks to strengthen both the understanding of Germany in the United States and Canada and likewise of the United States and Canada in Germany. Over the years it has developed into Germany's key transatlantic institution, with a broad spectrum of economic, political, and social programs that involve top-level decision makers, high ranking military officers, leaders of business and industry, mid-career journalists, teachers, young leaders, and high school students. Atlantik-Brucke reaches thousands of people every year through its study trips, conferences, workshops, lecture series, and award ceremonies. The organization is composed of approximately 500 members who are among the leading figures in German public life. It also regularly works together with other organizations that share similar goals and publishes a variety of materials that present objective information about Germany.

Fellowship To Germany Guidelines and Application Form

Nominations for a Fellowship to Germany must come from a school administrator with support from the district superintendent.

Candidates should:

- Teach Social Studies, U.S. history, or European history
- Include discussion of the Holocaust and/or its social effects on post-WWII Germany in the course of study
- Be an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher in any state-approved, accredited school
- Have the respect and admiration of students, colleagues, and parents
- Possess energy to withstand a taxing two-week study tour schedule
- Be flexible in working with others and value teamwork and cooperation
- Have the ability to attend an orientation session about Germany in Bismarck in April 2010

Application checklist:

1. Completed application form by March 22, 2010
2. Signature of school/building principal
3. Signature of district superintendent
4. Two letters of recommendation
5. Ability to attend an orientation session in Bismarck in April

**Fellowship To Germany 2010
Application Form**

Name _____
(Last Name) (Middle Initial) (First Name)

Home Address _____

_____ City State Zip

Home phone (____) _____ Work phone (____) _____

E-mail address _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

_____ School phone (____) _____
City State Zip

Teaching Experience and Educational Background

Major subject area _____ Grade level _____

Teaching license number (if applicable) _____

Do you teach a unit or discuss the social effects of the Holocaust on
post-WWII Germany? Yes No

Do you teach or discuss contemporary Europe/Germany? Yes No

Number of students in your classes _____

Total years of teaching experience _____ Years in present position _____

Have you participated in state social studies content standards development or local
social studies curriculum development? Yes No

List teaching awards or honors beginning with the most recent

Undergraduate degree from _____
Institution year

Graduate degree and institution: _____
Institution year

Previous Travel Experience

Have you ever been to Europe? Yes No If yes, where? _____

Have you ever traveled with a group (other than family/friends)? Yes No
If yes, where? _____

Do you speak a foreign language? Yes No If yes, what? _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Do you have a U.S. Passport? Yes No
If no, would you be willing to obtain one at your own expense? Yes No

Do you smoke? Yes No

Do you need accommodations for disability? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

Do you have special dietary requirements? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

School/Building Principal

Name _____ Title _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City State Zip Telephone (_____) _____

I acknowledge that this candidate submits this application with my approval.

Signature of School Principal _____ Date _____

School District Superintendent

Name _____ Title _____

Business Address _____

_____ (_____) _____
City State Zip Telephone

I acknowledge that this candidate submits this application with my approval.

Signature of Superintendent _____ Date _____

Teaching Philosophy (Respond to the following questions using a maximum of one typed page per question, double-spaced)

1. How would you incorporate information about the Holocaust and post-WWII Germany into your teaching?
2. What do you consider to be major issues in German/American relations today?
3. How would this trip strengthen and improve your teaching about Germany?
4. What personal benefit would you expect from this trip?

Letters of Support (limit of two letters)

Include two letters of support from any of the following: superintendent, principal, administrator, colleague, student/former student, or parent of a student.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed application form by March 22, 2010. Applications postmarked after March 22 will not be considered. Send applications to:

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