

*Type of Request:* Emergency Review—New Collection.

*Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

*Title of Information Collection:* Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form.

*Frequency:* Once per respondent.

*Form Number:* DS-5501.

*Respondents:* Aliens entering the Diversity Visa Lottery.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8 million per year.

*Average Hours Per Response:* .5 hours.

*Total Estimated Burden:* 4 million hours per year.

The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this collection by OMB has been requested by October 23, 2003. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached at 202-395-3897.

During the first 60 days of this same period a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until 60 days from the date that this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. The agency requests written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of public comments, or requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice should be directed to Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E St., NW., RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached at (202) 663-1166.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 4503]**

**Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Request for Grant Proposals: Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program**

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division (ECA/PE/C/PY), of the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX). Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) may submit proposals to facilitate educational exchanges between American and German high school students and young professionals.

**Program Information**

*Overview:* The CBYX program supports the exchange of American and German young people in order to sustain and strengthen German-American friendship based on common values of democracy and to convey lasting personal and institutional relationships to the successor generation. The primary objective of the program is to encourage American and German youth to learn about each other's society and culture through educational exchange. Additional goals for this competition include a renewed effort to promote the participants' roles as young ambassadors and the impact they can have on US-German relations, and to strengthen the linkages between US Representatives and their Bundestag counterparts. The program provides a full scholarship for an academic year experience of living and studying in the host country.

The Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs administers the CBYX program in the U.S. The program is known in Germany as the Parlamentarisches Patenschafts-Programm (PPP), and is administered by the German Bundestag Administrative Office, PB4.

Inaugurated in 1983 through a bilateral agreement between the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, each government provides funding to

exchange organizations through assistance awards for the costs of participant recruitment and selection, international airfare, orientation and debriefing, and hosting support for the respective exchange participants.

The U.S.-German agreement calls for an open grants competition every four years, and PB4 is holding a simultaneous open competition to select the German counterpart organizations that will manage the program in Germany. Up to five German high school exchange organizations will be partnered with five American high school exchange organizations, and one German vocational and one German young professionals exchange organization will be paired with American exchange organizations.

Organizations that are successful in this competition will be provided assistance awards in FY2005 to administer the recruitment and selection of participants for academic year 2005-06. Organizations for each component will be eligible for renewal awards in FY2006, 2007, 2008 for exchanges through academic year 2008-09. All assistance awards will be subject to availability of funds. (*Please note:* At the time of publication, funds have not been appropriated to support this program. As is the case with all Bureau assistance awards, final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal Bureau procedures.)

The actual number of participants exchanged each year is dependent on the amount of funding made available by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag. Though Congress has not yet determined the budget level for FY2005, the competition for program year 2005-06 will be based on up to 350 American and 350 German participants. Throughout the four-year grant cycle, representatives of both governments will *hold annual discussions to determine the final participant numbers for each academic year.*

Participants are chosen according to procedures and criteria established by each government. In the U.S. the CBYX program has four components.

1. *High School Component:* This component may provide up to 250 scholarships for a one-year educational and cultural homestay experience in Germany to American high school students ages 15-18. (The high school exchange is reciprocal for up to 250 American and 250 German students annually.) High school exchange organizations are invited to bid on conducting merit-based competitions among American high school students