

APPLICATION

Slovenia Youth Cultural Exchange Program

Hosting – Summer 2012
Traveling – Summer 2013
(exact dates to be determined)

Congratulations on your decision to apply to participate in the Slovenia Youth Cultural Exchange Program. We hope this will be a richly rewarding experience for you and your family. Please note that, except for extenuating circumstances, a 2 year commitment is required to participate in the program:

- Family hosts a youth from Slovenia for 3 weeks during the summer of 2012.
- Youth participant travels to Slovenia for 3 weeks during the summer of 2013.

Exceptions to the 2 year requirement will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

The written application consists of three parts:

1. Host Family Application
2. Youth Participant Application
3. A one-page recommendation (on church letterhead) from your pastor submitted separately to Pastor Gary Langensiepen at the address below.

Please complete all parts of the attached applications (Host Family Application and Youth Application) and ask your pastor to provide his/her recommendation. We must have a completed written application before we can begin the selection process.

Interviews

Part of the selection process is an interview for both host parent(s)/guardian(s) and their youth participant with the Slovenia Companion Synod Committee of the NEPA. These interviews are currently scheduled for **January 14, 2012** (snow date Jan. 21) at:

The Lutheran Center in Northeastern Pennsylvania
2354 Grove Road
Allentown PA 18109

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit your completed written application by **December 31, 2011** to:

Pastor Gary Langensiepen
St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
617 East 4th Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015-1805

Host Family Application

(Summer 2012)

(Please print in ink or type)

Parent/Guardian full name _____ DOB _____

Occupation _____

Parent/Guardian full name _____ DOB _____

Occupation _____

Residence address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Congregation/Location _____

List all children:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Lives at home?</u>
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

List all other persons living in your home:

Relationship:

Please indicate if you have pets in your home: Cats Dogs Other(s): _____

Please indicate the following: My family can host a: Boy Girl Either

Many youth from Slovenia are smokers. Please indicate your feelings about a student who smokes:

Will host a smoker Prefer non-smoker, but will accept smoker Will not host a smoker

Will the student share a bedroom? Yes No If yes, with whom? _____
(Students require their own bed but can share a room)

Why do you want to host a youth from Slovenia? _____

Have you hosted international youth before? _____

Briefly describe your summer daily schedule: _____

If selected as a host family, do you agree to treat the youth as your own son/daughter and to provide appropriate parental supervision? Yes No

Would you be willing to submit to a PA Child Abuse and Criminal Background Check? Yes No

If you have any additional comments you would like to include please use the space provided below:

Please sign below:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Participant Application

(Summer 2013)

(Please print in ink or type)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Congregation/Location _____

In June 2012 I will have completed _____ grade

Do you have any medical and/or dietary concerns or allergies? If so, please explain. _____

In what congregational activities are you involved? _____

In what synodical activities are you involved? _____

What personal gifts or strengths will you bring to this experience? _____

How do you plan to share your experience with your congregation/synod upon your return? _____

In approximately 100 words, tell us why you want to participate in this youth cultural exchange. (Use additional paper if needed)

If selected, I will participate fully and responsibly in this experience.

Signature of youth applicant

For parent(s) or guardian(s):

Please explain in approximately 50 words why you think your son or daughter would benefit from this experience. (Use additional paper if necessary.)

We support our youth's participation in this experience.

Signatures of parent(s) or guardian(s)

I fully support the participation of _____ and his/her family in the Slovenia Youth Cultural Exchange Program . I will provide a one-page recommendation (on church letterhead) to Pastor Gary Langensiepen by **December 31, 2011.**

Signature of pastor