

Elizabeth Nelson awarded Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship

ASSE International has announced that Elizabeth Nelson, a high school student from Trout Lake, is one of 250 American high school students from across the United States to be awarded the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year.

Conditions permitting, students will be traveling from August 2021 to June 2022. CBYX is a bi-lateral exchange program co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and German Bundestag (Parliament). Since 1983, the U.S. Congress and German Bundestag have funded the scholarship program to help prepare young people for a global future, said a press release. The program has enabled more than 27,000 students to expand their global perspectives and make new friends.

CBYX students are youth ambassadors of the United States, sharing their life and

culture with their German hosts and building greater understanding of the United States and its diversity.

As a CBYX scholarship recipient, Nelson will experience German life firsthand by living with a host family and attending a German high school, said a press release. During the program, conditions permitting, students will also have the opportunity to meet with both U.S. Congressional Representatives and German Bundestag members.

"Nelson will learn more than she ever imagined about another country and culture, about the world and its diversity, and about herself," said the press release. Each year, as a U.S. Department of State partner, ASSE International awards the fully funded CBYX scholarship to 50 high-achieving high school students from 10 states, allowing youth from a diverse array of communities to participate

in a full cultural immersion experience.

When Nelson leaves for Germany in the summer of 2021, there will also be a group of German CBYX scholarship students arriving to live with American host families while attending high school in the U.S.

Students and families interested in receiving more information about hosting a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship winner from Germany should call 1-800-333-3802 or visit ASSE's website at www.asse.com.

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exchange programs. The bureau's exchanges engage youth, students, educators, artists, athletes, and emerging leaders in many fields in the United States and in more than 160 countries.

Alumni of State Department exchanges comprise one million people around the world, including more than 75 Nobel Laureates and more than 450 current or former heads of state and government. Visit eca.state.gov to learn more. For information, contact ECA-Press@state.gov.



Spring scenes

Linda McNaughton recently submitted these two photos of her Parkdale orchard: Mount Hood "peeking" out from the clouds, and a cloud that "looks like an angry monster flying over the orchard — eyes, puffy nose, a large ear and an angry, open mouth." Have a photo to share? Send your images to photos@gorgenews.com.

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