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**The Sacramento Turn Verein - German Language School
Irmgard Schlenker Memorial Scholarship Fund**

German Summer Language Study Scholarship 2024

Have you ever wanted to study German in a setting other than at the Sacramento Turn Verein's German Language School? Perhaps you envision a study program that would immerse you in the language and culture for a few weeks instead of just ninety minutes a week, but the time and cost have prevented you from applying. The GLS would like to offer you a chance to apply for such a program.

Through the vision and efforts of Irmgard Schlenker, our first teacher, a memorial scholarship for the purpose of studying German at an accredited summer language program was established in 2014, and it is funded by profits from our annual Maifest and private donations. An award of \$4,000 is given once every three years, and it alternates between a youth award and an adult award. In 2024, only a youth award will be given, and an adult scholarship will again be awarded in 2027.

To be eligible, an applicant must meet these requirements:

- Applicant must have enrolled in and completed at least two sessions of German at the STV German Language School anytime during the past four years;
- For the youth award (2024), applicant must be between the ages of eight and eighteen (still in high school);
- Applicant should exhibit a high level of enthusiasm for the German language and culture, and curiosity about the world;
- Applicant should become familiar with the possible German summer language programs available, some of which are listed on the attached page, but there are others to be found.

If you meet the above requirements, we encourage you to complete all parts of the attached application, which includes providing personal information, writing an essay, requesting and including a letter of recommendation, and submitting the completed application by regular USPS mail to the German Language School Scholarship Committee at the above address by the deadline of January 31, 2024. The application will also be available at <http://stv-germanlanguageschool.org/scholarships>, but may not be submitted online. The award amount of \$4,000 will be given directly to the program selected by the winner. If the program costs less than \$4,000, the remaining amount may be applied to personal expenses such as travel. If the selected program costs more than \$4,000, the recipient must be willing to pay the difference.

Thank you for considering our scholarship program, and we wish you Alles Gute!

APPLICATION

STV-German Language School Irmgard Schlenker Memorial Fund

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1. Personal Information and Education

Your Full Name (first, middle, last): _____

Home Address: _____

Home or cell phone number (with area code): _____

E-mail: _____

Highest level of education completed: _____

Names and dates of German classes you have taken at the GLS during the past four years:

2. Essay

Write an essay limited to 750 words, using one of the follow prompts as a basis:

1. How might you benefit from a German summer language study program?
2. Write about an aspect of German language and/or culture that fascinates you.

Note that the essay does not have to contain 750 words, but it may not exceed that limit. Please submit the essay in typed and double-spaced format. Write your name on the right side of the paper at the top and indicate which prompt you are addressing.

3. After your essay, please respond in a few sentences to this question: How has the Sacramento Turn Verein strengthened your interest in German?

4. Letter of Recommendation

You may request a letter from a teacher, an acquaintance or employer who knows you well and can attest to your character and your interest in German. The letter should be submitted with your application in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the back flap.

5. Submission

Please submit all parts of the application in one envelope postmarked no later than January 31, 2024, to the STV German Language School Scholarship Committee; 3349 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Please send it via regular USPS mail with no signature required at the STV.

6. Preferred Summer Language Program

The scholarship winner will be notified by February 15 and should select a program by April 15, since programs fill up. Please refer to the list of suggested programs included with this application, and research them somewhat yourself to gather an idea of what might appeal to you. This list is not comprehensive, and you may prefer another program. The award of \$4,000 will be sent directly to the program. If the cost of the program is less than the award, the winner may apply the remaining amount to personal expenses such as travel. For a program whose cost exceeds the award amount,

the recipient must be willing to cover the difference with his/her own funds. The GLS Scholarship Committee will be available to provide guidance, as necessary, in the selection of a program.

German Language Summer School Programs for Kinder (Incomplete list)
Travel to program not included in proposed price.

PROGRAM NAME	PARTICIPANTS	COURSES OFFERED & LENGTH	COST (check website)
Concordia Language Village Bemidji, Minnesota www.concordialanguagesvillages.org	Individual & family programs Ages 8-18. Room & Board included.	Immersion; 1-4 weeks Many options	For Youth weeks: \$1,345-5,400 Check website
German Language School Berlin/Munich www.gls-german-courses.de	Ages 7-14; 2-3 weeks Room & Board included	Summer camps 1-3 weeks	In Euros: Berlin: 1,250-3,120 Munich 1,160-3,680
Education First (EF) Language courses abroad in several cities) www.ef.com	Age: 16 minimum in Munich Summer Camps Room & Board included	Summer—2-8 weeks Accommodations available with host families	Munich only 2 weeks: from \$1,950
Alpadia Language Schools: Berlin, Frankfurt, Freiburg Summer Camps www.alpadia.com	Ages 10-17	Language Camps for kids/teens; 1-4 weeks Room & Board included	In Euros Berlin: 985-4,120 Frankfurt: 970- 3,940 Freiburg: 980- 4,160
Goethe Institut Several German locations, Also U.S. (online only) www.goethe.de	For language learners at all levels Ages 12-17	In Germany—immersion courses with cultural experiences; 1 week through full year; some accommodations available	<i>In Euros:</i> 699-1,099 (only instruction)
Berlitz Language Camps www.berlitz.com	Ages 7-17	Day camps without overnight Weekly camps w/ room & board	Day camps from 380 Euro Week camps from 620 E.
Source for Affordable Language Courses in Germany: www.goabroad.com	Ages vary	Programs & Length vary	

With the exception of the Concordia Language Villages, the programs listed above are all in Europe. There are other summer German language programs in Europe and in cities throughout the U.S., which you may investigate online by googling “German Summer Language Camps”.