### NorthWest Student Exchange

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# Academic Exchange in France

## **Program Information and FAQs**

#### **Requirements for Eligibility:**

- Between the ages of 15 and 18 on the first day of school in France
- At least two full years of high school French
- Currently attending high school, and maintaining a B-average
- Maturity and motivation for an experience in France
- Application approval by NWSE

#### What is included in my program costs?

- Processing of program applications
- Room and board with a carefully selected volunteer host family in France
- Supervision by a local representative in France
- Enrollment in a French high school
- Pre-departure orientation by NWSE representative
- Post-arrival orientation in Paris by partner organization

#### What is not included in my program costs?

- Flights (NWSE can help you book an affordable flight)
- Visa-related costs (including passport fees and travel expenses to visit the consulate in-person to apply)
- School books (approximately \$150 to \$200 for entire year)
- Spending money for personal expenses (approximately \$250 to \$300 per month for duration of program)
- Transportation to and from school in France (depending on proximity of host family to school)
- Health Insurance and liability coverage
- Transportation cost from host community to Paris for departure (one-time fee of approximately \$200 to \$215)
- Optional excursions in France organized by partner organization

#### When would I leave for France?

Fall Semester 2017: Students must arrive in Paris (CDG) on the morning of Friday, September 1, 2017. Spring Semester 2018: Students must arrive in Paris (CDG) on the morning of Friday, January 8, 2018.

#### What will I study in France?

Students on the NWSE program are usually placed in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade or lower. NWSE students do not take the *BAC*, which is the final exam after the 12<sup>th</sup> year. Exchange students rarely attend the *BAC* class because of the level of difficulty. Sometimes high school principals will place exchange students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, as this grade has many different subjects, and students can attend a wide variety of classes. The French *lycée* (high school) will not allow you to choose your classes: all students one of the same grade take the same classes.

#### **Program Fees and Application Deadlines:**

Program	Program Fees*	Deadline to Apply**	Program Dates
Fall 2017	\$5,970	February 15, 2017	9/1/2017 - 2/23/2018
Academic Year 2017-2018	\$8,015	February 15, 2017	9/1/2017 - 6/15/2018
Spring 2018	\$5,970	July 15, 2017	1/8/2018 - 6/15/2018

\*Please note that quoted program fees are subject to change without prior notice due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. \*\* NWSE will consider late applications (submitted after the deadlines below) on a space-available basis. Any applications received after the deadline will be subject to a non-refundable late fee of \$300, which will be added to the program fees indicated above.

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