

## **COSTS COVERED BY THE CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG PROGRAM \***

### **I. TUITION**

**VERY IMPORTANT REGISTRATION NOTE:** No matter which of the following 4 options are best for your college, the following two guidelines apply to all CDS students:

- CDS will pay for only two credits of Physical Education.
- CDS will pay for one ESL course in addition to the 12 credits *if and only if* the participant's TOEFL score is below 450 (i.e.: up to 449).

#### **-OPTION A-**

**CDS WILL PAY FOR 12 ACADEMIC CREDITS IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

- A) if the per-credit cost is \$140 or less and
- B) if there is *not* a possibility of auditing courses for a lesser fee.
- C) Also, at least 6 of the 12 credits must be courses related to participant's field.

#### **-OPTION B-**

**CDS WILL PAY FOR 6 ACADEMIC CREDITS PER SEMESTER FOR TWO SEMESTERS IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:**

- A) If the participant has decided on a part-time/part-time program, meaning he/she will study and work on a part-time basis for the full year, or if the part-time situation is the norm for your institution.
- B) If the equivalent of 6 total credits are in the participant's trained field.

#### **-OPTION C-**

**CDS WILL PAY THE AUDITING FEES FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF 12 CREDITS,** according to the conditions above, if these fees are lower than those for regular enrollment.

#### **-OPTION D-**

**CDS WILL PAY FOR 6 ACADEMIC CREDITS, PLUS UP TO \$500 FOR ADDITIONAL CREDIT, NON-CREDIT, COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OR CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES,** if the per-credit fee is over \$140.

- A) The 6 paid credits must be used for courses related to the participant's field, if possible,
- B) Non-credit courses must include at least one quasi-academic course (as in English language, writing, culture, history, or the like) if possible and

All course selections must be approved by CDS International, Inc. before the add/drop period ends.

**SPECIAL APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR CDS TO AUTHORIZE PAYING MORE THAN \$140 PER CREDIT FOR THE FULL 12 CREDITS AND IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF OPTION C OR D IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOUR COLLEGE.** To aid in soliciting exceptions to your college's tuition policy, we can provide you with a letter from the US Department of State. Please contact Anna Oberle, Senior Program Manager, at [aoberle@cdsintl.org](mailto:aoberle@cdsintl.org) to discuss this.

### **II. BOOK AND MATERIALS STIPEND**

A one-time stipend of \$150 for textbooks and other materials will be sent to each participant in the fall. The participant must pay any amount above \$150.

### **III. INSURANCE**

Participants are covered by a comprehensive sickness and accident insurance plan. Insurance coverage is for the duration of the program year, only within the 50 United States.

#### **IV. HOST FAMILY STIPENDS**

##### **HOST FAMILY STIPENDS (FULL-TIME)**

Hosts are provided with a monthly host family stipend of up to \$225\*\* (per diem is \$7.25). Funds will be transferred electronically or sent by check at the end of each month (the partial amount for August will be sent with September's stipend). The stipend is only available during the time prior to the participant's beginning his/her full-time internship. Once working, the participant assumes responsibility from CDS for paying the host the monthly stipend amount.

##### **HOST FAMILY STIPENDS (PART-TIME)**

Part-time work/part-time study participants, are required to provide the host with \$112.50\* per month (per diem \$3.60) for the entire program year. CDS will fund the additional \$112.50 per month. CDS International will cover the full host family stipend for the days at the beginning of the year until the participant begins work (\$7.25 per day).

#### **V. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS**

Participant costs include, but are not limited to: material fees for courses not directly related to career field, parking permits, personal expenses, travel, entertainment, car purchases, etc.

\*Amounts are based on current funding for the 2009-2010 program year. Some changes may occur upon the receipt of the 2010-2011 program grant.

\*\*Host family stipends are sometimes higher in regions with especially high cost-of-living. CDS has a very limited number of these higher stipends, and must request State Department approval, so please do try to recruit families for the standard stipend level. Host family stipends are never meant to cover the market value of room rental, but rather to offset additional grocery and utility costs to families. Participants are prepared to fund their own recreation activities, even if undertaken as a family outing.