

Become an Exchange CHAMPION

Have you ever participated in an exchange, study abroad or traveled to other countries yourself? Do you believe in the value of intercultural understanding and the breaking down of stereotypes? If so, this role may be right for you!

The British Columbia Heritage Language Association is looking for individuals who will promote the BC/Germany Exchange program to their students and school by encouraging students to participate in this cultural exchange.

Students need not know how to speak German, only be willing to host a German student in their home, be open to sharing their culture and learning about another when they go to Germany themselves. German students arrive in late August and stay until early November and then the BC students go to Germany and stay with their exchange partner from mid-March until the end of May. Students must be in good standing with their school, passing their courses and be a good representative of their school, community, province, and country.

The role of the Exchange Champion is to contact potential applicants and their families and tell them the merits and benefits of such an exchange. With parent consent, the potential applicant's info can be forwarded on to the BCHLA Exchange Program and we will contact them. A Zoom meeting will be held in early 2024 to provide in depth information about the exchange program. In the meantime, potential candidates can visit the website BCHLA.ca to get more information.

Exchange Champions contact info would also be listed on our website so that students in your district can seek you out if no Champion exists in their school.

If you think you would be great for this role or have more questions, please contact us at exchange@bchla.ca