

**Gastonia Sister Cities
Student Exchange Program
Guidelines for Letter of Recommendation**

Students Name: _____

To the Recommender:

This student is applying for the Sister Cities Student Exchange program and will travel to our Sister City in Gotha, Germany during the summer of 2023. If chosen, the student will travel for 2 weeks to Gotha, Germany and experience the culture and everyday life of that country. In addition, the student will host their foreign counterpart in Gastonia for 2 weeks. Your candid appraisal of the student's propensity for a successful experience abroad is an important part of their application.

Students are evaluated based on:

Their motivation for travel and participation in our program
Flexibility in handling new or difficult situations
Hosting and family support
Ability to be a good ambassador for the City of Gastonia, America and their school
Character
Leadership; Community and School involvement
Maturity
Interest in cultural diversity

Things to include in the letter (at minimum):

How long have you known the student and in what context?
Tell us about the student's maturity, communication skills, consideration of others, motivation, etc.
Ability to adjust to new or difficult situations?
Are there any specific reasons we should select this applicant?
Are there any specific reasons we should not select this application?

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