Description of Program: 3-week homestay/study program run by the American Association of Teachers of German. Program consists of homestay, field trips and morning classes. Students in groups of 12-15 are accompanied by a US teacher of high school German from the point of departure in the US throughout the stay in German and back. Students in each group usually come from a number of different high schools from around the country. Students are placed with host families who have a child 15-18 years of age.

Daily schedule: In the morning students attend class with other American students and then have the opportunity to visit host sibling’s classes. Afternoons are spent either with the host family or on group excursions arranged by the on site German director. In addition there are usually 3 full day excursions to local sites/cities. There is a fair amount of free time for relaxing and exploring the host town/city.

Eligibility: Ages 15-18, students should have completed at least 2nd year German. With teacher recommendations exceptions may be made for P.A. students who have completed only 1 year of German.

Dates and Sites:

Brandenburg an der Havel
Departure New York City: June 6–June 28

Wiesbaden
Departure New York City: July 5–July 27

Markkleeberg
Departure Chicago: June 27–July 19

Bad Iburg
Departure New York City: July 5–July 27

Beilngries
Departure Newark: June 21–July 13

Braunschweig (almost full)
Departure New York City: June 24–July 16

Deadline: rolling admission, now through April 15

Info and application: Online at http://www.aatg.org/?page=SummerStudy

Cost: $3695. Earlybird price: $3395 if registered and paid in full by March 1, 2014 Includes airfare, homestay, most meals, classes, insurance and all group excursions. Does not cover: passport fees, increase in airline departure taxes, personal spending money, occasional lunches, snacks.

Scholarships: A limited number of $800 needs based financial scholarships are available through the AATG. See website for details.

Other: Students have a fair amount of independence and should feel comfortable asking for help (in German!) when needed and must be able to act responsibly and maturely while on their own. This program is predominantly a home stay program with the opportunity for students to experience life with a German family for 3 weeks. Ability to be flexible, to adapt to a different family’s lifestyle, a sense of humor and adventure are a must!