**International Cultural Exchanges**

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| **Location** | **Spots Available** | **Approx. Dates** | **Approx. Duration** | **Age** |
| United Kingdom  | 1 | Northern Ireland-May 12-26Scotland June 10th-July 21 | 6-13weeks | 20-26 |
| Germany | 1 | End of May- July | Up to 6 weeks | 20-29 |
| Scotland | 1 |  June 10 – July 21 | Up to 6 weeks | 20-29 |
| Switzerland | 2 | End of June | Up to 3 months  | 20-29 |
| Austria | 1 | July 3rd – mid August | 6 -12 weeks  | 20-26 |
| Wales | 2 | July 17th – July 31st  | 2 weeks | 20-26 |
| Republic of Ireland | 1 |  Dates to be determined (August) | 3 weeks | 20-29 |

**Requirements:**

All applicants must have been a JF member in good standing for at least one year. International applicants 20-29 (max. 26 for UK and Wales exchange) as of January 1st the year of the exchange. Following each exchange, a travel bursary is offered once all of the program requirements are completed. Please see the Travel section of the JFAO Policies for more specific requirements and bursary amounts. Opportunity conditions will be based on the policies in effect as of January 31st.

**Note:** A past exchangee may apply for a different travel opportunity. Priority will be given to any qualified member who has not previously been awarded a travel opportunity

**Application to include:**

1. Completed application form, (Section A, B & C), dated and signed by applicant and witnessed by club Provincial Director.
2. Answers to “section C” questions

**Deadline:**

All requirements to be sent by 11:00pm **February 28th 2019**. Email is preferred.

***Section A***

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| Name: |  | Club: |  |
| Street Address: |  | RR # |  |
| Town: |  | Postal Code: |  |
| Phone: |  |  E-mail: |  |
| Birth date: |  | # years as a JFAO member: |  |
| Languages Spoken: |  |
| Past JF exchanges: |  |

Please indicate which exchanges you are applying for by **ranking** them in order of preference (max 5). It is strongly recommended you apply for **at least** two opportunities.

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| **Exchange Opportunity**  | **Ranking (1-5)** |
| United Kingdom |  |
| Scotland  |  |
| Republic of Ireland  |  |
| Germany  |  |
| Wales  |  |
| Austria  |  |
| Switzerland  |  |

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| ***Section******B*****I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the requirements of the exchange program as outlined in the Travel section of the JFAO Policy document (available online or from JFAO office).****I am aware and agree that JFAO assumes no liability for any participant’s health or wellbeing before, during or after the exchange, and is not responsible for travel/medical/cancellation insurance or flight arrangements. Furthermore, I understand I am personally responsible for my safety and well-being in any activity I agree to participate in while on exchange. Should any extenuating circumstance prevent the exchange from occurring as planned, I understand JFAO and/or its affiliated organizations are not obligated to provide any compensation, that it may not be possible to post-pone or reschedule. I agree to confirm all dates with both JFAO and the host organization prior to booking any travel arrangements.** Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Provincial Director: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

### Section C

On a separate page, please provide the following information **TYPED, with a maximum of 3 pages.** Use paragraphs & point-form where appropriate.

1. Why did you join JF & what makes you proud to be a JF member?
2. Why are you applying for this travel opportunity?
3. How do you feel an exchange will benefit you?
4. Involvement in JF at club/county and provincial levels.
5. Involvement in other youth organizations (i.e. boy scouts, 4-H)
6. Activities and responsibilities in your community.
7. Any other hobbies and interests.
8. Education (name of institution, degree/diploma obtained/studying for, etc.; special training or workshops that you have participated in.)
9. Awards/other special achievements.
10. How will others benefit from your travel opportunity? (club, community, etc.)
11. How can you educate the other country/province about Ontario and its agricultural sector and culture?
12. Any other information you think is relevant to the selection process.

***Section D***

**Approved applicants will be required to participate in an interview process the evening of Friday March 29th, 2019** (during March Conference) at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Center, 700 Hespeler Rd, Cambridge, ON N3H 5L8. Further details will follow once your application is received. Contact us if you do not hear details by two weeks before this date.

**During this interview you will be required to complete:**

1. A 5 minute presentation covering your family/community, interests, club & JF life, etc.

2. An interview with the panel of judges.

3. A 1 minute impromptu speech on a provided topic.

4. A quiz about Junior Farmers, Ontario and Canada.

Thank you for applying to the 2019 JFAO Exchange!

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the JFAO Annual Banquet Saturday March 30th at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre where exchange winners will be announced.

Please be advised that successful candidates will be required to have a personal bio ready for the first week in April.

**Should you have any questions please feel free to contact**

**Sarah Teefy, Executive Director of Community and International Programs** **cip@jfao.on.ca** **or 613-743-3530**