

# International Student Exchange



An affordable opportunity to have an educational, overseas cultural exchange with Dutch peers. The program builds 21st century global leadership skills, culminating with students presenting their experiences at a state-wide library conference.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

(Application information on other side)

### Eligibility

All applicants must live in the Peak-to-Peak region and be entering the equivalent of 11th or 12th grades, or gap year.

This is a homestay exchange program. Each student's family hosts for 10 days in their respective home countries. Host families provide all breakfasts, some lunches and some dinners. There will be group events each day organized by the library that students will participate in together. Homestay families will have to undergo background checks (at no cost to them).

Students chosen for the International Exchange must agree to meet monthly as a group to work collaboratively with their Dutch peers on an information literacy project of their choice. Monthly meetings will be Saturday mornings at the library.

Students agree to present the results of their project at a state or national library conference (in-person or virtually).








Students must be willing to participate in monthly fundraising activities organized by the Library Foundation.

Students will be responsible for paying \$500 toward the trip by December 2023 and must have a current passport.










### Parent Information Nights

**Friday, June 2, 5 p.m.** at the library or **Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m.** at the library (please be sure to register at [nederland.colibraries.org](http://nederland.colibraries.org)).

## 2023

-  SATURDAY  
JULY 1 **2023-2024 Student Applications Due**
-  AUGUST **Interviews for Program**
-  WEDNESDAY  
SEPT 6 **Student Ambassadors announced**
-  THURSDAY  
SEPT 14 **Student/Parent Mandatory Meeting**
-  SATURDAY  
OCT 14  
9:30 AM **First Student Virtual Exchange with Dutch Student Ambassadors, at the library**
-  SATURDAY  
NOV 11  
9:30 AM **Student and Parents Virtual Exchange Meeting, at the library**
-  FRIDAY  
DEC 15 **Non-refundable \$500 fee from students due. Passport information due**

## 2024

-  JANUARY **Tickets purchased and home assignments finalized**
-  SATURDAY  
JAN 6  
9:30 AM **Student Virtual Exchange Meeting, at the library**
-  SATURDAY  
FEB 4  
9:30 AM **Colorado Students meet at the library**
-  SATURDAY  
MAR 9  
9:30 AM **Student Virtual Exchange Meeting, at the library**
-  SATURDAY  
APRIL 6  
9:30 AM **Colorado Students meet at the library**
-  SATURDAY  
MAY-JUNE  
TBD **Student Virtual Exchange Meeting, at the library (practical)**
-  JULY 1-10 **Dutch students arrive in Colorado**
-  JULY 11-20 **Colorado students arrive in The Netherlands**
-  SEPTEMBER/  
OCTOBER **Students present at Library Conferences on their experiences and project outcomes**

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please submit answers to all the questions below in an email addressed to: [egreer@nedlib.org](mailto:egreer@nedlib.org) and with the subject line: International Student Exchange.

- Student Name and Age
- School Name or Homeschool; Grade you are entering
- Why does an International Student Exchange in The Netherlands appeal to you? (200 words or less)
- How can public libraries stay vital in a global, 21st Century world? (200 words or less)
- What are three things you would like to learn about The Netherlands during your exchange? (200 words or less)
- Submit a short video (one minute or under) introducing yourself and one thing in your life you are passionate about.



- Could you fundraise between \$500 to \$1,000 (depending on how much money we raise)?



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