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ReConnect Transylvania⁺

Scholarship to Teach and Intern in Transylvania

The Hungarian Human Rights Foundation (*the parent organization of ReConnect Hungary*) is launching a new pilot program called **ReConnect Transylvania⁺**. The program aims to immerse young Americans and Canadian adults of Hungarian background in Transylvanian-Hungarian communities for a 3-6 month period.

The program empowers the participants in three ways:

Teaching: you mentor high school or university students informally by tutoring them in English and deepening their knowledge of American culture

Interning: you gain invaluable, hands-on work experience by volunteering 25 hours a week at a non-profit, each one with a different mission, and forming a network of professional contacts

Connecting: you have the opportunity to learn upfront and personal how other young Hungarians live; make life-long friends; and enrich your identity through Hungarian cultural immersion that simply is not possible elsewhere.

We are offering the scholarship for this win-win opportunity in partnership with the educational institutions of the Hungarian Reformed Church (Transylvanian District) and proven non-profits eager to offer maximum exposure for the recipients.* Participants are hosted in one of the following major Transylvanian towns: Kolozsvár (Cluj), Marosvásárhely (Targu Mures), Sepsiszentgyörgy (Sfantu Gheorghe), Székelyudvarhely (Odorheiu Secuiesc) and Csíkszereda (Miercurea Ciuc). The program coordinator is based in Kolozsvár.

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- Bolyai Farkas High School
- High School Szekely Miko
- Liceul Teologic Reformat Baczkamadaras...
- Márton Áron High School



What does the scholarship provide?

The scholarship provides transatlantic, roundtrip airfare from the United States or Canada, room & board in the selected school's facilities, and a stipend to cover local transportation costs in Transylvania. Your internship at the NGO is unpaid.

Duration of the Program

The Program coordinates with the academic calendar in Transylvania. High School semesters are September 15 – February 1 and February 15 – June 15. The semesters in higher education institutions are October 1 – December 21 and February 1 – May 31. You are expected to arrive approximately 7-10 days before the semester begins. There is flexibility for participants to stay on.

How do I decide where I want to teach and intern?

The Program aims to match participants with educational institutions and volunteer organizations best suited to the formers' talents and goals, and the latter's needs. Kolozsvár is a large city of 350,000 residents; Marosvásárhely is medium-sized; while Sepsiszentgyörgy (54,000), Csíkszereda (42,000) and Székelyudvarhely (34,000) are smaller in size and population. You can decide where you'd like to live, teach and intern based on the following combinations:

By area of interest:

1. Educational (mentor either high school or university students, teach English, pass on American culture, assist with donor and alumni relations) available in Kolozsvár, Marosvásárhely, Sepsiszentgyörgy, Székelyudvarhely.
2. Non-profit (fundraising and office administration) at the Bonus Pastor Foundation offices in either Kolozsvár or Marosvásárhely.
3. Business and financial services (business counseling and office administration at the LAM Foundation in Illyefalva, outside of Sepsiszentgyörgy).
4. Social services at either the Bonus Pastor addiction rehabilitation center in Magyarózd outside of Marosvásárhely, or the Saint Francis orphanage in Csíkszereda.
5. Agricultural work (on the Bonus Pastor Foundation's farm in Magyarózd, outside of Marosvásárhely).

By location, educational institution and internship:

1. Kolozsvár – Hungarian Reformed College, Bonus Pastor Foundation
2. Marosvásárhely – Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Bonus Pastor Foundation
3. Sepsiszentgyörgy - Székely Mikó High School, LAM Foundation
4. Székelyudvarhely – Hungarian Reformed College
5. Csíkszereda - Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Saint Francis orphanage

Applying for the Scholarship

You can apply for the scholarship by submitting the following information in one Word document:

1. First and second preference for location and institutions
2. Your availability through December 31, 2018

3. One page motivational letter describing your (a) Hungarian background and involvement in local Hungarian organizations, if any, (b) how you think you will be able to best contribute to the selected institutions, and (c) how this Program fits in with your personal and professional goals.

In addition, please provide a resume which contains your contact information, educational background and work experience.

Send your email to: info@reconnecthungary.org with the subject line: Application for ReConnect Transylvania+ scholarship.

*In Transylvanian Hungarian society the historic mainline religious denominations have for centuries traditionally provided the community's social, educational, cultural, humanitarian and even financial services. These are the cornerstone of civil society in the region. While some of the partner institutions in Reconnect Transylvania+ are sectarian, the Program itself is not, and there is no religious affiliation or requirement on the part of participants.

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