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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Career and Technical Education Directors  
Student Services Directors  
High School Guidance Directors

**FROM:** Lucy D. Hadi

**SUBJECT:** 2008 Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship

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Florida is once again participating in the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship Program. This program supports the Department of Education's Strategic Imperative to improve student learning by providing world-class higher education opportunities. This scholarship/exchange program is administered by the Nacel Open Door Student Exchange and provides an opportunity for graduating high school seniors, who are enrolled in vocational courses, to spend one year in Germany exploring their vocational interests. Although previous study of German is advantageous, it is not a prerequisite for scholarship selection. Florida has participated in the program since 1992 and has been very well represented each year.

Each high school in the state of Florida may nominate up to three students. Students must be able to demonstrate the maturity and commitment necessary to be successful in an international exchange program. Student applications will be reviewed by Nacel Open Door Student Exchange and the Division of Workforce Education to select finalists who will then be invited to an interview by a selection committee.

LUCY D. HADI  
*Chancellor for Workforce Education*

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Please bring this scholarship/exchange program to the attention of students you feel are most qualified and who demonstrate the maturity and responsibility required of an exchange student. The German vocational education system is quite innovative and has provided Florida students with a very unique and worthwhile learning experience.

The application can be obtained from the Department of Education's web site at [www.fldoe.org/workforce/programs/cp\\_bundestag.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/workforce/programs/cp_bundestag.asp). Completed applications must be mailed no later than January 31, 2008, to the address on the application or to:

NACEL OPEN DOOR Scholarship/Exchange Program  
Florida Department of Education  
Division Workforce Education  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 644  
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If you have any questions regarding this scholarship/exchange program, please contact Patrick Wright at (800) 342-9271 or via e-mail to [patrick.wright@fldoe.org](mailto:patrick.wright@fldoe.org).

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