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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Pam Stewart, Commissioner
Rod Duckworth, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

DATE: November 20, 2013

SUBJECT: 2014 Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship

Florida is once again participating in the Congress-Bundestag Vocational Exchange Scholarship Program. This scholarship/exchange program is administered by Nacel Open Door and provides an opportunity for 25 graduating high school seniors from across the nation to spend one year in Germany exploring their career interests.

Student applications will be reviewed by Nacel Open Door and the Division of Career and Adult Education to select the semifinalists from Florida. All semifinalists will then be invited to interview with the selection committee from which the finalists will be selected. Around 100 students from around the United States apply each year for this scholarship. Florida has been very well represented with the selection of students each year. Seven students from Florida were selected as 2013-2014 finalists and are living in Germany now.

Each high school in the state of Florida may nominate up to **three** students. Those nominated should possess the maturity and commitment necessary to be successful in an international exchange program. Although previous study of German is advantageous, it is not a prerequisite for scholarship selection.

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Please bring this scholarship/exchange program to the attention of students you feel would be good candidates. The German vocational education system is quite innovative and has provided Florida students with a very unique and worthwhile learning experience.

A link to the application can be found at the Florida Department of Education's website at www.fldoe.org/workforce/programs/cp_bundestag.asp. Completed applications must be submitted electronically via email to CBYX@nacelopendoor.org no later than **January 31, 2014**.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship/exchange program, please contact Patrick Wright at 800-342-9271 or via email at Patrick.Wright@fldoe.org.

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Attachments