



WIN A SCHOLARSHIP TO BELGIUM!

**Have you ever dreamt of living in the centre of Europe?
Could you imagine being part of a Belgian family and attending a
Belgian school?**

**Do you have a soft spot for Belgian chocolate, waffles, and their
famous frites (fries)?**



World Education Program Australia is now offering the following scholarship for LOTE students from New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria:

One scholarship, worth \$3000, to Belgium (French speaking). This scholarship can only be applied towards a year-long program commencing in January 2012. Applicants MUST currently be studying French. Applicants must be a minimum 15 years old by January 2012 and in Year 10 or 11.

World Education Program Australia's program fees include:

- ◆ Research, selection and preparation of a welcoming host family.
- ◆ Full board, food and lodging with a host family.
- ◆ Guaranteed school registration in chosen country.
- ◆ 24-hour emergency support overseas and in Australia.
- ◆ Coordinator assistance and regular progress reports.
- ◆ Full, comprehensive medical, hospital, accident, public liability and travel insurance.
- ◆ No deductions/excess for medical or accidents.
- ◆ International return airfare.
- ◆ Round trip transfer between your arrival airport and your host family.
- ◆ Airport greeting by a representative of the WEP overseas partner organisation.
- ◆ Provision of visa documentation.
- ◆ Pre-departure and arrival orientations, student and parent handbooks and airport check-in assistance.
- ◆ Return assistance to students.
- ◆ WEP T-shirt, WEP backpack, pre-paid airport taxes, GST.
- ◆ All WEP Australia and the international partner organisation's administrative costs.



WEP Australia - 2012 Scholarship Awards Application Details - Belgium

Applicants (refer to eligibility criteria on p. 3) for this WEP Australia scholarship award to **Belgium** (French-speaking) must submit the following:

1. WEP application form (download from website). At this stage medical pages and immunisation records do not need to be submitted.
2. Parental/guardianship and student declaration form (see p. 4).
3. 150 words, in English, about what you imagine will be most difficult (other than missing your friends and family and the inevitable communication difficulties) about living overseas.
4. 150 words in English that explain why you are studying your current LOTE.
5. 100 words in the language you are currently studying (French) that answers the question, "Why I want to win a WEP student exchange scholarship to Belgium."

The above components must be submitted to **"Scholarship Awards" WEP Australia, PO Box 260, Black Rock VIC 3193** by **31 May 2011**.

A shortlist of three applicants will be required to be available for a phone interview in June 2011. The interview will be conducted in English, with three short questions in French. Applicants will be briefed on the content of this conversation closer to the date.

The winner will be announced on 20 JUNE 2011.

All short listed applicants will receive a **\$500 discount** towards a semester or year program to Belgium, commencing in January 2012.

Words from the 2009 scholarship winner! Brittany from Geelong, VIC

"I left Australia a young exchange student with practically no French. It was a really big risk for me, but I'm so glad I took it. I have been living here in Belgium for six months now, loving it, and still have six months to go..."

Throughout my first week or so I had been stressing about school more than anything else. I was scared because my French was really basic and I didn't know how the students would accept me. I was lucky to have three host sisters at my school but none of them in my year level. My first day really wasn't as bad as I thought. The language barrier made it confusing at times but the people were really friendly and everyone wanted to know whether I had a pet kangaroo! © After a few weeks I had made some good friends and my French was coming along too.

At six months in now I feel at home, my French has really improved and school is easier. I have travelled to Italy, Paris, London and more. I never thought I would love it here as much as I now do. Yes, it isn't always easy being 17,000 km's away from family and friends, but think of it this way, now I have two families and twice as many friends. I NEVER WANT TO LEAVE!!!"



WEP Australia - 2012 Scholarship Awards Eligibility Criteria - Belgium

1. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by the program departure date and must be in Year 10 or 11 in 2011.
2. Applicants must attend secondary school in New South Wales, Queensland or Victoria.
3. Applicants must be currently studying the language of the country for which they are applying.
4. Applicants must hold, or be eligible to apply for, an Australian passport.
5. Applicants **MUST** not have previously visited Belgium or France for an extended period of time.
6. Applicants must be prepared to pay any difference between the scholarship award and the full WEP program fee (see the program fee list on the resources page), have sufficient funds for monthly spending money while overseas and be prepared to pay for visa applications.
7. Winners will be required to pay a first instalment of \$500 upon official notification of the award, a second instalment of \$1000 when the application is referred to the receiving WEP partner organisation, and the balance of the program fee (minus the scholarship award) either 90 days before departure or upon notification of the host family placement details (whichever occurs earliest).
8. Winners may be required to pay for travel to Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane for international departure.
9. This scholarship will commence in January 2012 and finish in December 2012 or January 2013.
10. WEP scholarship winners will be expected to speak on at least three occasions, after their return to Australia, at WEP Australia promotional events such as open days, information evenings and expos.
11. WEP scholarship winners will be asked to submit a short essay, accompanied by ten photos, about their exchange experience once they have completed 60-70 percent of the duration of their program.
12. Scholarship winners must be physically and mentally healthy and will be required to see a doctor shortly after the announcement of winners and have a "Physician's Statement of Health" and a record of immunisations completed and signed by a doctor.
13. Parents of scholarship winners will be asked to submit a letter to the student's prospective host family.

All entries remain the property of WEP Australia. WEP Australia reserves the right to use entries for promotional purposes. Name and contact details become the property of WEP Australia and will be used to provide information to scholarship applicants about WEP Australia. WEP Australia does not sell, rent, trade or give away information about scholarship applicants to anyone outside the organisation other than WEP Australia partner organisations.





WEP Australia - 2012 Scholarship Awards Declarations - Belgium

PARENT/GUARDIAN DECLARATION

If, _____, (name of student) is selected as a WEP Australia scholarship winner, I/we _____ (name of parent/s or guardian/s) give my/our permission for him/her to participate in a WEP Australia student exchange program. I/We understand that the award will consist of \$3000 towards a year program with a host family and school selected by an international partner organisation of WEP Australia. The balance of the program costs*, personal spending money and visa costs will be borne by me/us.

*Full program fee for a January 2012 year program to Belgium (\$8950 for a year), is published on our website at www.wep.org.au and on the "11/12 WEP Program Fees" flyer available from WEP Australia. This is freely available to all interested parties. Page 1 (above) lists the included components of all WEP Australia student exchange programs.

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

STUDENT DECLARATION

I, _____, submit my application form to WEP Australia for consideration with the understanding that, if I win a scholarship award, my exchange program to Belgium will commence in January 2012 and that the travel dates are not open to negotiation.

I also understand that in the event that I do not win this competition that the judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

I am applying for a scholarship to Belgium and have never visited France or Belgium for an extended period of time:

YES NO N/A

The submitted requirements are my own work and I have received no assistance from another party.

Student's signature: _____

Full name: _____

Date: _____

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