



Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship (BFTF)

June 24 - July 22, 2025

Purdue University
(West Lafayette, IN)

Fellowship Application

(US Participants Only)

Personal Information:

1. Name: First _____ Last _____ Middle Initial _____
2. Date of Birth _____
3. Gender _____
4. Address: Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
5. Telephone _____ Fax (if applicable) _____
6. Email address _____
7. Parents/Guardians:
Parent/Guardian #1: Name _____ Phone # _____
Parent/Guardian #2: Name _____ Phone # _____
8. Have you participated in ECA sponsored exchange programs, such as CBYX, YES Abroad, Youth Ambassadors, YLP, or AYLP, before? _____ Year(s), if yes _____

Place of Study/Work:

9. Name of School _____
10. Grade/Level/Year _____
11. GPA _____
12. Place of work (if not a student) _____
Occupation/Position _____ For how long? _____
Name of Supervisor _____

Your Interests:

13. Organizations or clubs that you are involved in:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

- d. _____
 - e. _____
14. Projects or initiatives in your school, workplace, or community in which you participated. Please briefly describe the project and specify your role (e.g.: organizer, participant, coordinator, etc):
- a. _____

 - b. _____

 - c. _____

 - d. _____

 - e. _____

Essay: In 2-3 paragraphs, tell us about yourself (your interests, plans for future, friends, successes ☺ or failures ☹, concerns)

Video: In a 30-60 second video, respond to the following prompt: *As an American Fellow, you'll be working closely with European teenagers who likely have formed stereotypes about the United States, some of which may be negative. These might range from Americans' knowledge of world geography, to issues of health care or gun violence. In 60 seconds or less, please explain what creative non-trivial means you would use to challenge negative views about Americans.* If you are not submitting you application electronically or if your file is over 50 MB, you can post your video on any platform and send the link to addresses below. (Optional: If you cannot send a video, write a 1-page essay using the same prompt.)

One letter of recommendation (letters from family members will not be accepted).

The full BFTF application package includes:

- 1.Application.
- 2.Your resume or list of activities, projects, or experiences.
- 3.Essay about yourself.
- 4.Video (preferably) or essay with a response to the prompt.
- 5.Letter of recommendation.
- 6.ANY additional evidence that demonstrates your interest and willingness to participate in the Institute. Such evidence may include but is not limited to diplomas, certificates, letters of support, articles in newspapers, letters from peers or superiors, etc.

Mail or send electronically (scan and attach) the full package by **March 9, 2025** to:

Dr. Anatoli Rapoport
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West Lafayette, IN 47907
rapoport@purdue.edu

or Dr. Jeff Spanke
jspanke@bsu.edu

Important: The in-person on-campus exchange is contingent upon the safety and feasibility of in-person programing and travel. A virtual program option may be available if in-person programing is not possible due to the global health pandemic.