

Sister City Student Exchange FAQ

What is the Sister City Twinning Program?

The Sister City Program promotes the agreement between communities in different countries to encourage the expansion of activities designed to help each other develop an understanding of historical, lifestyle and cultural similarities and differences.

What is required of me as a participant?

As a participant, you are required to host a student from Franklin, Tennessee in your home at the end of May 2018 for one week. Exact dates will be communicated once tickets have been booked. Your Franklin “twin” will go to school with you in the morning and will eat most meals with you and your family.

Activities planned by the Sister City Committee (ex. Day trip into Ottawa) will be paid for by the Sister City Committee.

What are the benefits of participating in the student exchange?

In August of 2018 (mid-late month), you will travel to Franklin, Tennessee to stay with your “twin” for a week. You will have the opportunity to attend an American high school and experience teaching and lifestyle differences as well as sightsee in and around Franklin Tennessee.

What will I get to do/see in Franklin, Tennessee?

While in Franklin, examples of things past participants have done/seen include (to name a few):

- Visit historic Southern Civil War sites such as the Carnton Plantation and the Carter House
- A traditional American High School football game
- A walking tour (daytime) or ghost and gore tour (night time) of downtown Franklin
- Tour of the Jack Daniels Factory
- McLemore House African American Museum
- A day trip to Nashville Tennessee which may include:
 - Country Music Hall of Fame
 - Ryman Auditorium
 - Grand Ole Opry
 - Tour of the State Capitol building
 - Downtown Nashville

How much does the trip to Franklin cost?

The Sister City Committee will be covering half of the purchase of your return airline ticket. Typically a return ticket will cost approximately \$600. In the past students have approached local service clubs for financial assistance for their portion of the ticket if they require assistance. The Franklin Sister City Committee will cover the cost of any excursions (ex; admission, meals) planned as part of the official itinerary. Students are encouraged to bring their own spending money.

Will there be chaperones?

Yes, the Sister City Committee will provide an adult chaperone to supervise on the trip to Tennessee. The chaperone will have a criminal record check and meeting will be arranged for parents and students to meet the chaperone and have any questions they might have answered.

Also, parents of both the host and visiting students will be required to submit a clean criminal record check.

Still have questions? Call Amanda at 613-257-6222 or email at acharania@carletonplace.ca