



JFAO Travel Opportunities 2026 Application Form

International Cultural Exchanges

Location	Spots Available	Approx. Dates	Approx. Duration	Age
Germany	1	June 15 to early / mid-July	3 - 6 Weeks	18-30
Switzerland	1	June 13 or June 16 or July 30 arrival	4-12 weeks	18-29
Austria	1	July 6 arrival	Up to 4 weeks	18-28
Northern Ireland	1	August 2 - August 15	2 weeks	18-29
Republic of Ireland	1	End of July / beginning of August arrival	2-3 weeks	18-29
-Spring 2027- Tasmania	1	April arrival	Up to 8 weeks	18-29

*all dates are approximate & will be confirmed shortly. Use dates as an estimate.

Requirements:

All applicants must have been a JF member in good standing for at least one year. International applicants must be ages 20-29 (max. 28 for Austria and 30 for Germany) as of January 1, the year of the exchange. Following each exchange, a travel bursary is offered once all the program requirements are completed. Please see the Travel section of the JFAO policies for more specific requirements and bursary amounts. Opportunity conditions will be based on the policies in effect as of March Conference 2026.

Note: A past exchangee may apply for a different travel opportunity. Priority will be given to any qualified member who has not previously been awarded a travel opportunity

Application to include:

1. Completed application form, (Section A, B & C), dated and signed by applicant
2. Answers to "section C" questions

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Deadline:

All requirements to be sent by 11:59pm **March 16th, 2026** to sarah@jfao.on.ca

Section A

Name: _____ Club: _____

Street Address: _____ RR # _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Birth date: _____ # years as a JFAO member: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Please indicate which exchanges you are applying for by **ranking** them in order of preference (#1 being first choice). It is strongly recommended you apply for at least two opportunities. ***Please only rank destinations that you are willing to travel to.**

Note: I have not heard back from Republic of Ireland yet on whether the exchange is a go or not. I should know by March Conference whether it will be going ahead or not. If you would like to travel to Republic of Ireland, please ensure you select at least 3 options below, in case it does not move forward. Please reach out if you have any questions about this.

Exchange Opportunity	Ranking
Germany	
Tasmania (note 2027 travel)	
Switzerland	
Austria	
Northern Ireland	
Republic of Ireland	

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Section B

I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the requirements of the exchange program as outlined in the Travel section of the JFAO Policy document (available online or from JFAO office).

I am aware and agree that JFAO assumes no liability for any participant's health or wellbeing before, during or after the exchange, and is not responsible for travel/medical/cancellation insurance or flight arrangements. Furthermore, I understand I am personally responsible for my safety and well-being in any activity I agree to participate in while on exchange. Should any extenuating circumstance prevent the exchange from occurring as planned, I understand JFAO and/or its affiliated organizations are not obligated to provide any compensation, that it may not be possible to post-pone or reschedule. I agree to confirm all dates with both JFAO and the host organization prior to booking any travel arrangements.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Section C

On a separate page, please provide the following information **TYPED, with a maximum of 3 pages**. Use paragraphs & point-form where appropriate.

1. Have you been on a JFAO exchange previously? If so, where?
2. Why did you join JF & what makes you proud to be a JF member?
3. Why are you applying for this travel opportunity?
4. How do you feel an exchange will benefit you?
5. Please describe your involvement in JF at club/county and provincial levels.
6. Please describe your involvement in other youth organizations (i.e. scouts, 4-H)
7. Please describe any activities and responsibilities you do or have in your community.
8. Please describe any other hobbies and interests.
9. Please list your education (name of institution, degree/diploma obtained/studying for, etc.; special training or workshops that you have participated in.)
10. Please list any awards/other special achievements.
11. How will others benefit from your travel opportunity? (club, community, etc.)
12. How can you educate the other country about Ontario and its agricultural sector and culture?
13. Any other information you think is relevant to the selection process.

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Section D

Approved applicants will be required to participate in an interview process on Saturday, March 28, 2025, at March Conference, Starting at 9am. Further details will follow once your application is received. Contact us if you do not hear the details by 5 days before this date.

During this interview you will be required to complete:

1. A 5-minute presentation covering your family/community, interests, club & JF life, and why you want to go on an exchange (a slide show is encouraged by not required)
2. An interview with the panel of judges.
3. A quiz about general knowledge of agriculture, Junior Farmers, Ontario, and Canada.

Thank you for applying to the 2026 JFAO Exchange!

Please be advised that to receive travel bursaries that will compensate for a percentage of flight costs, applicants will need to follow the policies outlined in the travel section of the JFAO policies. Requirements for compensation of flights include writing a personal bio and sending a picture before departure, writing blog posts and/or posting on the exchange Instagram account while on exchange and presenting about the exchange at a provincial event after they return. Check the JFAO policies for the full list of requirements

Should you have any questions, please contact me!

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