

# PRO IFX YEAR GERMANY APPLICATION PACKET



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**IFX**  
INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE: INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE**

Complete the entire application and return the original copy to IFX. Applications will not be accepted unless they are complete and all attachments included. Please print legibly in blue or black ink. Make a copy of the application for your own records, and we recommend using a traceable carrier service such as certified USPS, DHL, or FedEx for shipment.

**We recommend that you keep a folder with copies of all documents related to your exchange program.**

### **Required Attachments:**

- **\$750 Enrollment deposit:** This deposit is put toward your total program cost. It should be made payable to IFX via check or money order. IFX also accepts payment by VISA or MasterCard via our online registration platform. Do not forget to include your name on the payment. Payment made by credit card are subject to a 3.25% transaction fee and one time \$7 registration fee.
- **Copy of your passport:** Please include a photocopy of your valid passport. If you do not have a passport yet, apply for it now. A copy of your passport will be accepted later. For expediting a passport application, visit [www.passportexpress.com](http://www.passportexpress.com)
- **Copy of your Resume**

### **Application Tips:**

- **Application Agreement:** Read thoroughly and familiarize yourself with the policies of the IFX program described in the IFX Terms of Service at the end of the application. It is necessary that you and your parents fully understand this information and sign the agreement prior to acceptance to the IFX program. The rules have been established to create a safe, enjoyable, and successful program for you.
- **Make sure that your IFX application has been completed neatly and entirely.** Double-check to make sure that all of the required attachments and signatures have been accounted for.

### **Program Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare from a major international airport near your home (in the continental U.S.) including domestic and international flights.
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- Accommodation in furnished single room in shared flat
- Enrollment in language institute or University and full tuition
- Support with visa process
- Health and accident insurance
- 24-hour emergency assistance
- Pre-departure and in-country orientations
- Supervision, guidance, and support during the application process and throughout the program
- Placement with highly competitive Amateur soccer club
- Management of international transfer to foreign club and player licensing process
- Soccer league fees and club membership fee
- Ongoing Participant support and advisement

### **Program does not include:**

- Passport and visa application fees as applicable
- Food & Meals not included
- In country transportation (train/bus passes, etc)
- Personal expenses (e.g., toiletries, clothing, internet, calling card, activities)
- School expenses beyond tuition (i.e. books, materials, mandatory class trips for University Program)
- Any other item not specified

**Program Prerequisites:**

- Ages: 18 and older
- Must demonstrate strong academic record and interest in study of German language (for Language School option) or study of International Business (for University program).
- Participants must be currently competing at a competitive level of soccer in their state or country.
- Participants chosen on a first-come first-serve basis for all of those who fulfill program requirements.

**Visa Requirements:**

IFX will provide enrolled Participants with an enrollment confirmation as well as the following items that are usually necessary to apply for a student visa.

- Proof of enrollment in language institute
- Proof of accommodation
- Flight itinerary
- Proof of medical insurance

Participants are responsible for meeting all the visa requirements of the relevant country of their program. Requirements may vary depending upon the responsible consulate of your area, so please check with your local consulate for exact visa requirements.

Germany may require participants to deposit funds for living expenses into a locked account in a German bank as a requirement for visa approval. Participants are thus advised that as a requisite for admittance into our program, they must be able to not only meet the IFX financial requirements detailed below, but also those of the German consulates. Further details can be found on the final page of this application document.

**Program Prices: Please mark your program selection in the left column next to Program Name.**

**GERMANY**

	PROGRAM	DATES*	COST*	DEADLINE
	Full Year w/ German Language	July – May	\$16,950	March 31
	Half Year (Fall) w/ German Language	July – Dec	\$12,350	March 31
	Half Year (Spring season) w/ German Language	Jan - May	\$12,350	Oct 1
	3 Year University Program – Full Bachelor's Degree in International Management	July – May	\$22,995/year	March 31
	Full Year University Program – 1-year Bachelor's Degree – Gap Year or Study Abroad Year	July – May*	\$22,995	March 31
	Full Year Master's Degree University Program	July – May	\$25,995	March 31
	*Goalkeeper Training Program – Full Year - (Additional option for Goalkeepers)	Sept – May	\$2000	March 31
	*Goalkeeper Training Program – Half Year - (Additional option for Goalkeepers)	Fall or Spring	\$1000	March 31; Oct 1
	*IFX Haus Residence Surcharge	July - May	\$1500 Full Year or \$750 Half Year	March 31; Oct 1

\*\*\* German program requires a flat security deposit of \$1250 to cover possible damages. Additional fees related to occupancy in the German room include a \$100 end of year cleaning fee, \$30 per month cleaning/repairs charge, and \$10/month for internet.

\*Goalkeeper Training Program Fee in addition to base Program Fee

\*IFX Haus Residence Surcharge in addition to base Program Fee

\*1-Year Bachelor's Degree program participants may stay until end of August post program to fulfill University internship requirements if any. Additional costs apply.



## INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE APPLICATION

All sections of this application must be completely filled out before consideration for acceptance in the program.

**Missing information will delay your acceptance.** Please type neatly or print using black or blue ink.

**Program:** Choice 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest International Airport to your home: \_\_\_\_\_

### Participant

Family Name/Legal Name      First Name      Nickname      Sex (M/F)

Street Address      City

State      Country of Residence      Zip Code

Date of Birth (day/mo/year)      City of Birth      Country of Birth

Citizenship      Home Telephone      Email Address

### Parents/Legal Guardians

Natural Father's Name/Legal Guardian

Natural Mother's Name/Legal Guardian

Address

Address

Occupation      Business Telephone

Occupation      Business Telephone

Home Telephone      Emergency Telephone

Home Telephone      Emergency Telephone

Email

Email



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**Language**

Indicate the foreign language/s you speak and the number of years you have studied the language/s.

LANGUAGE

YEARS OF STUDY

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**Family Data**

Participant lives with:  Both parents  Mother only  Father only  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents are:  Married  Divorced  Separated  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Family Members**

Emergency Contact

Telephone

Name

Age

Sex

Living at home?

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**Miscellaneous**

How did you hear about IFX? \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport**

Current Team

Current League

Position

Alternate Position

Previous Team

Previous League

Accomplishments

## IFX Payment and Cancellation Policies

### Payment Schedule

IFX encourages full payment of program fees once you receive Preliminary Acceptance. If you opt to pay the entire remaining balance in one lump sum, you will receive a \$50 discount.

If you prefer to follow a payment schedule you must adhere to the dates and amounts listed below:

Amount Due	Fall Semester & Academic Year	Spring Semester Deadlines
<b>\$750 Enrollment Deposit</b>	Upon Application * Applications received after February 29 <sup>th</sup> must include payment of \$2500.	Upon Application * Applications received after August 31 <sup>st</sup> must include payment of \$2100.
<b>\$1500 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment</b>	Within 15 days after preliminary acceptance	Within 15 days after preliminary acceptance
<b>50 % of the remaining balance</b>	April 8 ** Applications received after this date must include payment of the \$750 enrollment deposit <i>plus</i> 50% of the remaining program fees.	October 8 ** Applications received after this date must include payment of the \$750 enrollment deposit <i>plus</i> 50% of the remaining program fees.
<b>Final balance</b>	May 25	November 25

### Please Note:

- LATE PAYMENTS:
  - If a payment is received 7 business days or more after the payment due date, a penalty of \$50 will be incurred.
  - If a payment is received 30 business days or more after the payment due date, your application will be considered withdrawn and you will be responsible for cancellation penalties (see cancellation policies below).
- If for any reason your payment cannot be processed, a fee of \$50 will be incurred.
- Under **no** circumstances will a student be allowed to depart on program unless the program fees are paid in full.
- IFX is not responsible for delays caused by late passport applications, late visa applications or visa denials. Any additional costs incurred for such reasons will be the responsibility of the student.
- Airline Deviation Fees: Your flight will be booked from the nearest Major International Airport from your home in the US. Any flight deviations or special requests will incur a \$75 booking fee.

### Cancellation & Refund Policies:

Withdrawal from a program is effective on the date that written notification is received by IFX:

If you withdraw:	The cancellation fee will be:
Before preliminary acceptance	\$100
Within 15 calendar days of receiving preliminary acceptance	\$750
More than 15 calendar days after preliminary acceptance	\$1000
After accommodation placement <b>or</b> school placement	\$2,500
Within 6 weeks of departure	\$2,500 or 50%, whichever is greater
After departure	Full program fee

### Please Note:

- If you withdraw from the program after IFX has booked your flights, you will be responsible for airline cancellation charges.
- **IFX will not alter its payment and/or cancellation policies for any reason.** If you are concerned about being reimbursed for program fees in the event that you decide to withdraw from the program due to events such as illness, death of a family member, visa denials, natural disaster or international affairs, please investigate the possibility of obtaining independent trip insurance. IFX is not able to offer advice on independent trip insurance.
- In the unlikely event that IFX is forced to cancel a program or you are not fully accepted into the program, all payments will be refunded, including your initial \$750 deposit.

### Agreed and accepted by:

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian signature (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Signature (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# IFX Terms of Service

BY USING International Futbol X-Change, LLC, ("IFX") SERVICES YOU ENTER INTO A BINDING CONTRACT AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH AND BE BOUND BY THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF SERVICE. UPON YOUR USING THE SERVICES, THESE TERMS OF SERVICE IMPOSE OBLIGATIONS ON YOU AND LIMITS ON YOUR USE OF SUCH SERVICES. PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY.

**1. Parties.** International Futbol X-Change, LLC, ("IFX") is a California Limited Liability Company, with its place of business at 1110 Burnett Ave. Ste. H, Concord, CA 94520. IFX and "You", as a person utilizing any of the services offered by IFX, including minors (each a "Participant"), who are being represented by their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) using IFX services for the benefit of such minor, are a party to this contract.

**2. Services.** IFX provides to Participants consultant services about international education and soccer Programs all over the world. IFX assists Participants with selecting the most appropriate Program and the registration process. THE PROGRAMS ITSELF ARE NOT OPERATED BY IFX AND IFX HAS NO AUTHORITY OR CONTROL OVER THE PROGRAMS, ITS OPERATIONS OR POLICIES.

**3. Separate International Education & Soccer Program Terms and Conditions.** Each education and soccer Program ("Program") may have separate specific policies ("Program Terms and Conditions"), which you are bound by as a Participant. IFX STRONGLY ADVISES THE PARTICIPANT TO READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SEPARATE PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS. While IFX will do its best to provide to the Participant information about the Program Terms and Conditions during the registration process, it is your responsibility as a Participant to be informed about and follow such Program Terms and Conditions. You may contact IFX with any questions about the Program Terms and Conditions prior to applying for a place in a Program.

**4. Payment Terms.** Participant is required to make payments directly to IFX ("Payment"). Payment terms shall follow the IFX Payment and Cancellation Policies set forth in the IFX application document. Other payment terms may apply, if so stated on the IFX website and/or if agreed to in writing by both Parties to this agreement.

**5. Cancellation by Participant and Refund.** Payments made to IFX are only refundable according to the IFX Payment and Cancellation Policies.

**6. Cancellation by Operator and Refund.** According to the respective separate Program Terms and Conditions, operators of Programs may have the right to cancel the Program for any reason, including without limitation if the number of participants signed up for a given Program is deemed by the operator to be insufficient. Alternate session dates, locations or refunds may be offered by the Programs according with their separate Program Terms and Conditions. In such a case, Payment made to IFX is not refundable, unless refunds from the Program due to the Participant are received by IFX, in which case such refunds will be promptly forwarded to Participant.

Operators of Programs reserve the right to terminate, without refund, the right to participate in Programs for Participants, who, in the operator's discretion, behave in a manner disruptive or dangerous to themselves or others, who are in breach of any applicable local laws, or who appear unfit, through drugs, alcohol consumption or otherwise, to attend.

**7. Program Term, Extension and Non-Circumvention.** This agreement shall remain in effect until Participant's program end date, or in the case of a program extension, this agreement shall remain in full effect until the newly revised program end date. Should a Participant wish to continue their studies or participation in sport with the same institution for an additional program period at any point following their original program period, the Participant is required to enroll through the IFX program. No direct engagement shall be permitted between Participant and IFX partners or their institutional partners including educational institutions and sports clubs.

**8. Insurance.** IFX strongly advises Participant to purchase travel and medical insurance from a broker of Participant's choice in connection with the participation in the soccer Program, specifically covering possible cancellations described in Sections 5. and 6., as well as medical, travel costs and personal property for all travelers. It is not within the scope of services offered by IFX to advise on any insurance related matters, including but not limited to the insurance coverage, its limitations, insurance claims or underwriting decisions.

**9. Proprietary Rights.** IFX and each Program operator retains the right to use any photographs, videotapes, motion picture, or recording taken during a Program or any other record of the event for publicity, advertising or any other legitimate purpose.



**10. Representations and Warranties.** IFX PROVIDES THE SERVICES “AS IS” AND AT PARTICIPANT’S SOLE RISK AND REJECTS AND EXCLUDES ALL REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND LIABILITY FOR LOSSES ARISING OUT OF ITS SERVICES AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THIS DISCLAIMER, IFX EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND NON-INFRINGEMENT EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE LAW DOES NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OR THE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT OR BREACH OF IMPLIED TERMS, OR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. ACCORDINGLY, ONLY THE LIMITATIONS, WHICH ARE LAWFUL IN THE APPLICABLE JURISDICTION, WILL APPLY TO YOU AND LIABILITY OF IFX WILL BE LIMITED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Participant represents and warrants to IFX that Participant has full legal authority to register for the selected Program, including full authority to make use of the credit or debit card to which registration fees will be charged. Participant must be 18 years or older to make a registration and payment for a Program or must be represented by a parent or legal guardian. If Participant is under the age of 18, parent or legal guardian hereby consents to the collection of Participant’s personal information by IFX. In addition, if Participant is registering third parties, Participant represents and warrants that Participant has been duly authorized to act as agent on behalf of such parties in performing the registration. Participant agrees that the Terms of Service shall apply equally to Participant and to any third parties for whom Participant is acting as agent.

**11. Limitation of Liability.** SUBJECT TO THE OVERALL PROVISION IN PARAGRAPH 9 ABOVE, YOU EXPRESSLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT IFX SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO YOU FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL CONSEQUENTIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY YOU, HOWEVER CAUSED AND UNDER ANY THEORY OF LIABILITY TO THE FULLEST AMOUNT PERMITTED BY LAW. THIS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE, WHICH MAY BE INCURRED BY YOU, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, (a) LOSS OR DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE PROGRAM, CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM, RELIANCE ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IFX, OR LACK OF INSURANCE COVERAGE.

**12. Indemnification.** The Participant expressly agrees to indemnify and hold IFX harmless from any liability or expense, including court costs and attorney’s fees, arising out of or caused by Participant’s negligence or willful misconduct.

**13. General Provisions.** These Terms of Service together with the IFX Payment and Cancellation Policies constitute the entire agreement between you and IFX. Any additional agreements must be made in written form. If any court of law, having the jurisdiction to decide on this matter, rules that any provision of these Terms of Service is invalid, then that provision will be removed without affecting the rest of the terms. The remaining provisions of the Terms will continue to be valid and enforceable. The Terms of Service, and your relationship with IFX under the Terms of Service, shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. You and IFX agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located within the county of Contra Costa, California to resolve any legal matter arising from the Terms of Service.

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Participant, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                              Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                              Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
IFX Representative, Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                              Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature                              Date



**German Language Visa Requirement (Germany Program only)**

American, Canadian, Australian, and citizens of a few other select countries may travel to Germany for up to 90 days simply with their passport. IFX's partner will help with your language course visa during this 90 day period while in Germany.

A requirement of the German Foreign Office mandates that each applicant must open a specific type of bank account with a German bank (Sperrkonto) and deposit 720 Euros times either 6 months or 12 months, depending on your intended stay. You may then only withdraw 720 Euros per month once it has been opened. The intension is to force students to manage their money properly while studying in Germany.

For year long IFX participants, participants must be able to make a deposit of 6480 Euros just prior to their 4<sup>th</sup> month of the program. This sum accounts for the approximate 9 months remaining in the visa term.

These funds will be in your account in your full control and 720 Euros may be withdrawn each month at your will.

In some cases, the visa appointment may be scheduled in early December or early January. IFX participants may not under any circumstances miss their visa appointment as a result of returning home for the holidays. If this occurs, IFX reserves the right to charge an additional \$1000 for having to reschedule visa appointments.

It must also be understood that IFX reserves the right to contact the German authorities to cancel their visa during the program should the participant exhibit poor attendance to the German language institute or German University. In this case, the participant would be sent home without any program refund.

These financial requirements of the German government are in addition to the IFX program fees, which must be paid according to the program payment schedule.

These requirements outlined above are in addition to all other visa requirements. For a complete list, please contact your local German Consulate.

Please sign below to confirm that you have read and understand these requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date