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CA accepting applications for Sister Cities High School Student Exchange Teens have opportunity to travel to Spain or France in summer 2010

The Columbia Association (CA) is accepting applications for the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange program until February 19, 2010. Participating Howard County students spend approximately two weeks of cultural and linguistic immersion during the summer in one of Columbia's sister cities, Cergy-Pointoise, France or Tres Cantos, Spain, hosted by the family of a French or Spanish student. After returning to the United States, students will host their French/Spanish counterparts for another two weeks. There are organized group activities for the participants, both abroad and in the U.S.

The registration fee is \$650 for Columbia residents and \$790 for non-Columbia residents, excluding airline fees. Airline fees may range from \$1,100 to \$1,500 per participant. Applicants must be high school students residing in Howard County and have completed high school level two of French or Spanish by the end of the current academic year or have the equivalent language fluency.

CA has sponsored the Sister Cities High School Student Exchange since 1977. For an application or more information, please visit the CA website at ColumbiaAssociation.org, or call Laura Smit, Program Manager for International Exchange & Multicultural Programs, at 410-715-3162 or e-mail International@ColumbiaAssociation.com.

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