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AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARDED SUMMER STUDY TRIP TO GERMANY

Maanasa Narayanamoorthy, a junior at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans, LA has been awarded an all-expense-paid summer study trip to Germany.

Maanasa was selected as one of four students to receive a scholarship from the American Association of Teachers of German Endowed Scholarship fund, a fund supported through generous donations from teachers of German across the US to support study in Germany. This scholarship fund is supported through generous donations from teachers of German across the US to support study in Germany. The study trip includes round-trip air transportation to Germany from New York, a homestay in a host family, and excursions to places of cultural and historical significance.

Maanasa was selected as a scholarship winner after scoring in the 92 percentile on the Level 4 2017 National German Exam for High School Students sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). Nearly 21,000 students participated in the program. After qualifying with a high score on the National German Exam, s/he submitted responses to several short essay questions in German and was then interviewed by a committee comprised of high school teachers and college professors of German. Maanasa stood out among many strong applications from across the nation.

“The selection committee found the achievements of this year’s recipients quite outstanding and was particularly impressed with their many accomplishments and enthusiasm for German,” said Keith Cothrun, Executive Director of the AATG. “Our scholarship fund gives students the chance to experience Germany firsthand and forge strong connections with the people of Germany. It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity for the recipient and assures a better world for us all.”

Maanasa and the other scholarship winners will travel to Germany this summer. She is a student of Rachel Becker, German teacher at Benjamin Franklin High School in New Orleans.

Founded in 1926, the AATG represents German teachers at all levels of instruction. The AATG is dedicated to the advancement and improvement of the teaching of language, literature and culture of the German-speaking countries.

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