The Denver-Brest Sister Cities Committee, established in 1948, has a strong and long-standing high school exchange program to provide students from the Denver area with an immersion experience in Brest, France. The primary purpose of this exchange is to allow students to truly experience Bretagne culture through immersive homestays with families who are part of the school community at the La Croix Rouge College Lycee in Brest. Homestays give students the unique opportunity to understand and interact with the people, food, music, and culture of Brest; lifelong friends, improved language skills, increased self-confidence, and expanded worldviews are the typical outcomes. Our hosting school in Brest and local host families work in tandem to create unique opportunities for students from Denver to see and experience day-to-day life in France, attend school with their respective host student, and discover some of the cultural heritage and areas of interest in and around Brest, France, near the western tip of the Breton peninsula.

Denver Sister Cities International has an official diplomatic relationship with Brest and its mayor, as well as with Denver’s nine other Sister Cities; as such, student travelers will act as citizen diplomats and will be received by Brest municipal officials as the ambassadors of Denver that they are. Following the homestays in Brest, a three-night stay at a hostel in Paris will allow Denver students to visit Parisian highlights and landmarks. The Denver students will be accompanied and chaperoned by a secondary teacher of French.

TRIP DATES: March 21 - April 4, 2019

Space is limited to 12 students. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return your completed application to the Denver Sister Cities office with a $500 check for your deposit. You will then be provided with due dates for the remaining payments. If you are not accepted into the program your deposit will be refunded immediately. Total trip cost is $3,000 per student. Because space is limited, we encourage you to register as soon as possible to guarantee participation in this program; applications will not be accepted after Dec. 10, 2018.
Student Information:

Legal Name: ____________________________________________
(First) (MI) (Last)

Preferred Name: _________________________________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________

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Home Phone: ____________________  Cell Phone:________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________

Birth date: (YY/MM/DD)____________  Gender: (Circle One)  Female    Male

Do you have a valid passport?  (Circle One)  Yes  No  Country Issued:________

Name as it appears on your passport:________________________________________

Passport Number:________________________   Expiration Date:________________

Does your passport have at least two blank pages? (Circle One)  Yes  No

Parent/Guardian (Mother)

Address: _________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________  Email __________________________

Parent/Guardian (Father)

Address: _________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________  Email __________________________

Step father/mother

Phone: ________________________________  Email __________________________

Which school do you attend? ____________________________________________

What is your current year in school? (Circle One)  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior
Do you have any existing health concerns, including allergies or food restrictions? If yes, explain (use the back of the page if necessary).
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Are you allergic to pets? ________________________________

Do you have any objection to your host family having pets in the home?__________________

What are your hobbies?

What preparations will you make for this trip?
Cultural awareness:

Physical preparation:

Emotional preparation:

Financial (How are you earning money for this trip?):

Would you be willing to commit to 5 – 10 hours of volunteer service for the Brest committee (required for scholarship recipients)?

Please explain how you can be a good ambassador for your school and city:

(Application continued on following page.)
Essay Question: What are your expectations of this journey to France and what do you plan to contribute to make it a meaningful and valuable experience? (Please use the back of the page if you need more space.)
It is expected that any student who participates in this program understands that he/she is acting as an ambassador from our country and will follow along and cooperate fully with established rules set forth before departure. He/she will cooperate fully with the itinerary as outlined and planned by the host families and teachers in Brest. Upon return, each student will be expected to write a short essay summarizing their experience. (This could also be done in video or Power Point format). They may also be asked to speak at the certificate ceremony that will be scheduled after return from the program. All students who successfully participate in the exchange will be presented with an award certificate.

I have read the Brest, France trip materials and accept the responsibilities outlined.

Student Signature:

______________________________     Date: __________

Father or Legal Guardian Signature:

______________________________     Date: __________

Mother or Legal Guardian Signature

______________________________     Date: __________

Please return your completed application to info@denversistercities.org or mail it to:

Denver Sister Cities, 2650 E 40th Ave, Denver, CO 80205