WESTON
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students,

Weston Public Schools is proud to announce its continued development of global education opportunities at the high school. In order to further develop students' global perspective and foster international friendship, Weston is continuing its partnership with Rombas, France through the offering of a year long academic exchange program for 2012-2013. The partnership between Weston and Rombas is longstanding; students have been traveling between the two communities since 1950. This program is an exciting opportunity for students to learn about the global world outside of the conventional classroom.

French language experience is not required, but encouraged. The committee will be evaluating a student's enthusiasm and character in addition to academic ability when considering applications. Ability to adapt to new situations and desire to expand one's global perspective are also attributes that will be considered.

If selected, you will be attending Lycee Rombas and living with a host family. Costs of food, housing, and tuition will be covered by the Rombas Exchange committee. The Weston student selected will be expected to cover their own airfare, visa, insurance, and personal expenses.

To apply, please fill out the application by February 17th and return it to Ms. Young in the English/History Office. Student interviews will be conducted the first week of March.

We are only able to offer this exciting opportunity to one Weston High School student and anticipate that interest in the program will exceed capacity. We encourage you to express your interest through your thoughtful responses to the application questions.

We look forward to reviewing your application and meeting you.

Sincerely,

Kim Young
Global Education Coordinator

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Student Application

Student's Name: _____

Current Grade: 9th 10th 11th

Home Address: _____

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Home Phone #: _____

Email Address: Student: _____

Parent(s):_____

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Please attach a typewritten response to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in this program? What do you hope to gain from studying abroad?

2. Participating in an exchange program is a rewarding, but intense experience. If you are chosen, you will represent the United States and Weston as our "ambassador," and will need to be able to adjust to living in a new culture. Why do you think you would be a good ambassador? What personality traits and/or prior experiences give you confidence that you can be flexible and thrive as an exchange student?

Attach your essays and a copy of your most recent transcript to this cover sheet. In addition, ask a Weston Faculty member to complete the Teacher Reference form. Once your application is complete, you will be contacted to set up an interview.

Who will be completing your teacher recommendation?_____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Due Feb 17

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Teacher Reference

Name of Student:_____

Name of Teacher: _____

How long have you known the student? In what context? Courses taught to student?

Please fill out the below chart in comparison with other students of his/her class year:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Academic achievement				
Productive class discussion				
Respect by Faculty				
Respect by Peers				
Disciplined work habits				
Maturity				
Motivation				
Leadership				
Integrity				
Reaction to setbacks				
Concern for others				
Self-confidence				

On the back, please write an evaluation of the student's personality and character and how you think s/he would do in study abroad experience. Please highlight the student's intellectual curiosity, ability to adapt to new situations, open-mindedness, and resiliency. In addition, we are interested in hearing how you think the student would benefit from this type of a program.
Due March 1st.

Narrative:

Signature of Teacher: _____ Date: _____

(Please return reference form directly to Kim Young through interoffice mail)

Due Feb 17