

## **SELECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE 2010 IUHPFL CYCLE**

Below you will find the basic schedule for the 2010 IUHPFL Cycle. We greatly appreciate the time you will give to guide your students through the application process.

### **BEFORE TESTING**

We would appreciate your efforts to present the Honors Program to eligible students using the bookmarks we have sent, along with the IUHPFL website – [www.indiana.edu/~iuhpfl](http://www.indiana.edu/~iuhpfl). Please let us know if you need more copies of the bookmarks for your students or other foreign language teachers at your school.

- Former participants of the Honors Program will be of great help in presenting the Program. If you have any former participants that attend your school, encourage them to present the Program not only to classes in their own language, but also to those of other foreign language teachers.
- When promoting the Honors Program, we request that you emphasize the aspects mentioned in the ‘Projected Updates & Changes’ memo that accompanies this schedule: the Program’s academic focus, its Honor Code, the host family experience, and the fact that the experience is engaging (and demanding) on every level.
- We are looking for honors students who are academically motivated and who also demonstrate the social and emotional maturity needed to succeed abroad. Please encourage such students to apply. Students showing strong interest in the Program should be encouraged to fund raise and save money right away.

### **PROGRAM CYCLE SCHEDULE**

#### **Step 1: Initial Contact.**

- In September (this mailing) you will receive bookmarks to be distributed to teachers and students. You have a promotional tool to aid you, our website ([www.iuhpfl.edu/~iuhpfl](http://www.iuhpfl.edu/~iuhpfl)), which we ask you to share with all teachers at your school in order to reach all possible candidates. If there are Honors Program alumni at your school, this would be an excellent time to have them speak to prospective applicants and encourage them to take the placement test.

#### **Step 2: Test Registration.**

- We request that students who wish to apply to the Program register for the IUHPFL Fall Language exam by October 1. The test registration form will soon be on our website.

#### **Step 3: Placement Test.**

- The test, which lasts about one and a half hours, consists of four parts—grammar, reading, listening comprehension and a brief writing sample—and is used to gauge the student’s level in the foreign language. All details concerning testing sessions will be available soon on the IUHPFL website. Testing dates and sites are written on the ‘Projected Updates & Changes’ memo that you received with this sheet.
- We will offer a makeup test *if necessary* at all six sites on the Monday following the main testing session. Please note that there will be a short presentation of the Honors Program before the test at Bloomington, Evansville, Fort Wayne, and South Bend. In Crown Point and Indianapolis the presentation will take place between the two testing sessions.

#### **Step 4: Applications.**

- Test results are sent to coordinators via email at the beginning of November. We will send you a list based on the test results of the students invited to apply. Students will be able access application materials on our website.

### **Step 5: Application deadline.**

- Schools and students return completed application materials to our office by December 21.
- Financial Aid applications are available to the students during the application process as well. If a student wishes to be considered to receive such aid, the Financial Aid application must be submitted by January 1.

### **Step 6: Final & Semi-final selection.**

- After reading all the applications, the selection committee will determine which students will be invited to participate in the next steps of the selection process (whether it be acceptance into the Program, invited for an interview, selected as an alternate, or not accepted). The school will receive a list of semi-finalists by mid- February.

### **Step 7: Interviews.**

- Interviews will be held in late February and early to mid March for those students still being considered for acceptance to the Program, or acceptance as an alternate.

### **Step 8: Final selection.**

- Final selection is based on interview results and availability on the IUHPFL program sites. The final selection lists of students chosen to participate will be sent to the High School coordinator via email; the students themselves will also be notified privately.
- At this point, all finalists will then make preparations for their stay abroad: they will receive more forms and information related to their departure, they will submit acceptance materials, and they will also solicit contributions if they need help in financing their participation in the Honors Program if they have not done so already.

### **Step 9: Orientation.**

- Students and guardians are required to attend Orientation in Bloomington, at which time several presentations will be made, former participants will describe their experiences, and the new candidates will have an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and their teachers. Orientations, which are mandatory, are scheduled on Saturdays in April and May at the Indiana Memorial Union on the Bloomington campus.

### **Step 10: Departure.**

- Departure for Program sites usually takes place between June 6-11 while returns are generally scheduled between July 22-28. Program dates have not yet been officially set.

The above should provide a fairly complete picture of the Honors Program schedule. Do not hesitate to ask us for clarification, and please encourage parents and students to do the same. We hope to see this Program remain or become a part of your school's regular foreign language teaching and planning.