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SPECIAL TO THE KETTERING-OAKWOOD TIMES

FOR RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr., (R-Ohio) today announced approval of an overseas study grant to Albert L. Harshbarger, a Fairmont High School German Teacher.

The grant will enable Harshbarger to study at the Goethe Institute in Munich, Germany.

Funding will be provided by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the U. S. Department of State.
Dear Congressman Whalen:

I am very happy to inform you that one of your constituents, Mr. Albert L. Harshbarger, has been selected for a grant under the international educational and cultural exchange program of the Department of State. Some basic information about this grant, together with a brief description of the Department's total program, is contained in the enclosed announcement.

State Department grants are awarded to highly qualified U.S. students, teachers, and scholars to enable them to continue their academic or professional studies in a foreign country for periods up to one year or longer. We are gratified that so many outstanding Americans are contributing to the success of the exchange program, and we are deeply pleased that your constituent has been chosen to join this distinguished group.

The aim of the program, which is authorized by the Fulbright-Hays Act, is to promote mutual understanding and good will between the American people and the people of other countries. It provides opportunities for U.S. citizens and foreign nationals to study, teach, lecture, conduct research, and participate in other educational and cultural projects overseas.

We are notifying your constituent of the grant and of the fact that this announcement is being sent to you. Candidates selected for grants are requested to advise the Department within twenty-one days whether or not they can accept.

Sincerely,

Katie Louchheim
Acting

Enclosure:

Announcement of Exchange Grant.

The Honorable
Charles W. Whalen, Jr.,
House of Representatives.
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT
BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

The Department of State announces the awarding of a grant to

NAME: Mr. Albert L. Harshbarger

ADDRESS: 2200 Far Hills Avenue, Apt. #2, Dayton, Ohio 45419

U.S. INSTITUTION: Kettering Fairmont East High School, Kettering, Ohio

PURPOSE OF GRANT: To participate in the Seminar for American teachers of German

OVERSEAS INSTITUTION: Goethe Institut, Munich, Germany

This award is made under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256), known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The stated purpose of the Act is to enable the U.S. Government "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations...and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world."

Under the Act, direct grants are made annually to about 2,500 U.S. citizens to go abroad and about 6,000 foreign nationals to come here. Over 118,000 - some 34,000 Americans and 84,000 foreign citizens representing 151 countries and territories - have received grants since the passage of the original Fulbright Act in 1946.

Grants are made for university lecturing, advanced research, graduate study, teaching in elementary and secondary schools, practical experience in technical and specialized fields, and consultation and observation. Final selection of grantees is made by the Board of Foreign Scholarships, whose 12 members are appointed by the President. In the process of screening, assigning, and supervising grantees, the Department of State is assisted by a number of public agencies and private, nonprofit organizations. Among these are the U.S. Office of Education, the Institute of International Education, and the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils.

Overseas the exchange program is administered in about 50 countries by binational commissions set up under executive agreements. Cultural Affairs Officers of the U.S. Information Agency assist the commissions. In other countries and territories Cultural Affairs Officers conduct the program.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs administers the over-all program. In addition to academic exchange its diverse responsibilities include sending out scientists, writers, doctors, athletic coaches, and other American "specialists"; bringing foreign leaders to the United States; arranging overseas tours by performing artists, music and drama groups, and athletes; assisting American-sponsored schools abroad, and cooperating in programs of UNESCO and other multilateral organizations.