

Call for applications

The Rákóczi Association, at the request of the Hungarian Diaspora Council and with the support of the Hungarian Governments, is once again announcing its highly successful Diaspora Program. During 2026, the program creates the opportunity for Hungarian youth between the ages of 10 and 25 living in the diaspora and for educators working in the diaspora communities to participate in a study trip to Hungary.

1. Objectives of the Program:

- Presentation of the traditions and built heritage that define Hungarian history and culture in the Carpathian Basin through experiential activities.
- Promotion of the development of relations between young Hungarians living in the diaspora and young Hungarians living in the Carpathian Basin, contributing to the reinforcement of Hungarian identity.
- Development of Hungarian language skills with the involvement and help of professionals.
- Strengthening the relationship of Hungarians living in the diaspora with the motherland by creating new interpersonal networks, as well as setting in motion and expanding cooperation between different diaspora regions across the border and, on a wider scale, at the all-Hungarian level.
- Increasing the efficiency of the transfer of quality knowledge related to attachment to the Hungarian nation in the diaspora. Furthermore, the acquisition of extensive experience in Hungary, as well as the expansion of intellectual, cultural and methodological knowledge enriching Hungarian identity.
- To inspire and help the Hungarians living in the diaspora regions to connect and raise awareness to their respective regional Hungarian organizations/associations.
- Professional training of teachers working in the diaspora and strengthening their network.

2. Content of the Program:

The Diaspora Program covers 11 program periods between May and December 2026. Participants may choose between summer camps or study trips depending on their preference. The length of these programs varies from 7-10 days. Educators not participating in the above programs as accompanying adults may apply for the All-Hungarian Teachers' Camp in the summer as participants.

2.1. Scheduled program periods:

	Program	Date	Recommended age group
1.	Pentecost	May 18-25, 2026	14-25
2.	All-Hungarian Secondary School Students' Camp	June 23-30, 2026	14-19
3.	All-Hungarian Mother Tongue Camp	July 3-10, 2026	10-14
4.	All-Hungarian Teachers' Camp	July 10-16, 2026	educators only
5.	All-Hungarian Mother Tongue Camp	July 17-24, 2026	10-14
6.	All-Hungarian Secondary School Students' Camp	July 24-31, 2026	14-19
7.	All-Hungarian Mother Tongue Camp	July 31-August 7, 2026	10-14
8.	All-Hungarian Secondary School Students' Camp	August 7-14, 2026	14-19
9.	All-Hungarian University Students' Camp	August 14-20, 2026	18-25
10.	All-Hungarian Secondary School Students' Camp	August 21-28, 2026	14-19
11.	Advent	December 7-15, 2026	10-25

2.2. The following activities are included in the program:

Each program period includes trips within Budapest as well as a visit to rural Hungary and a Hungarian-inhabited region in a neighboring country.

Activities in Budapest:

- Budapest sightseeing, visiting museums
- Budapest experiences
- Meet and greet, community building
- Strengthening knowledge of the Hungarian language with fun activities

Activities in rural Hungary and regions abroad:

- Excursions
- Various experiences, i.e.: wine tasting, hiking, historic walks, dragon boat race)
- Dance house, learning folk dances

Summer camps take place at the Rákóczi Hotel, Camp and Events Centre in Sátoraljaújhely (www.rakoczihotel.hu).

3. Pool of applicants:

- **Hungarian youth of the diaspora**

Application to the Program is open to young people between the ages of 10 and 25 who have participated actively (for one year at minimum) in a Hungarian weekend school, Hungarian heritage or cultural association, or religious community operating within their local Hungarian community. This must be confirmed in writing by participants' local Hungarian organization.

Within the framework of the Program, one approved applicant shall visit Hungary on one occasion during 2026, for a program period selected at personal preference.

Minors (under the age of 18) shall only be approved as members of groups (5+1 people) and if accompanied by an adult. In all cases, parental approval is required for the application of minors. A brief letter of motivation is required from all applicants.

Educators working in the Hungarian diaspora who do not take part in the program as accompanying adults may apply for the summer All-Hungarian Teachers' Camp. Teachers are requested to provide a letter of motivation and a letter of recommendation from their respective diaspora community with their application.

- **Accompanying adults**

Individuals above the age of 25 years who are active within their respective Hungarian diaspora communities as educators, folk dance instructors, community leaders, parents, etc. may apply to the role of accompanying adults. Applicants are required to have at least conversational knowledge of Hungarian and upload a letter of motivation to the online application platforms. One adult applicant may be approved for every five minors participating.

4. Financing of the Program:

For successful applicants, the Rákóczi Association will cover the following expenses during the program period: accommodation, meals, safety insurance, the cost of travel within Hungary, as well as entrance fees to museums, events, etc. related to the program.

Following the approval of the application, a registration fee of 40,000 is required to confirm participation. Half of the registration fee will be refunded to participants after the trip, provided they attended the entire duration of the program. The other half of the paid amount will be allocated to the Rákóczi Association's Hungarian School Choice Program.

The Rákóczi Association shall contribute to participants' travel expenses according to the following. Contributions to travel costs will be reimbursed by bank transfer after completion of the program.

- North America: HUF 150,000
- Western Europe and Israel: HUF 25,000
- South America: HUF 280,000
- Australia and New Zealand: HUF 280,000
- South Africa: HUF 200,000

Travel between the country of departure and Hungary, travel insurance, and the return trip are to be organized individually by participants and accompanying adults.

5. Application Process and Evaluation

Applications are open from February 5, 2026 through March 23, 2026.

Application Process:

Applications are to be submitted individually via the online platform <https://diaszpora.rakocziszovetseg.org/>.

Applications are reviewed and evaluated by the Rákóczi Association in close cooperation with the representatives of the Hungarian Diaspora Council.

Within 15 days after the closing of the application deadline, the Rákóczi Association will arrive at a decision based on the specified conditions, regional quotas and the order in which the applications were received.

Following the decision, all applicants will receive details regarding their application and its approval status via email.