TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AHS INTERNATIONAL TRIPS Rev. November 2022

Arlington High School (AHS) has a longstanding commitment to global education. Arlington hosts international exchange students, hosts international visitors, and has "sister city" relationships. We recognize student's mastery of global competency through our Global Education Certificate, and recognize the value of language mastery through the Seal of Biliteracy.

One of the most powerful experiences we offer students is international travel with school groups to give students direct global experience. These experiences are, unfortunately, not open to all because of cost. Yet, the experience that our students bring back to their classrooms is an invaluable contribution to the entire school community. In order to increase equity of access to global travel, AHS raises funds for International Travel Scholarships.

The scholarships are awarded based on a combination of need, merit, and educational value. To learn about future AHS travel opportunities, access the AHS website under International and Out of State Travel Opportunities and look for announcements on our AHS email list.

If you have questions about the fund, would like to donate, or want to know more about international travel opportunities, please contact Matthew Janger (mjanger@arlington.k12.ma.us).

The Scholarship Committee is appointed by the high school Principal and meets twice a year. Applicants should check the deadlines for their trips and the Scholarships in order to make sure they can receive their award information before registration deadlines. Students may apply for a trip scholarship once a trip is approved by the School Committee.

Award amounts will depend on available funds and the quality and needs of the applicants. Awards commonly are in increments of \$500, \$1500, \$3000, or \$4000. Most awards will require the student to contribute in terms of fundraising or some personal funds.

Timeline

Scholarship information will be provided with enrollment information for each AHS international trip along with a timeline based on the schedule of the trip. Awards will be made before the deposit deadline. The international travel scholarship committee will consist of 2 administrators and 2 teachers, preferably those who have participated in AHS international programs in the past. The travel committee will meet to review applications and make awards based on available funds and expected demand in the current year.

Examples of Previous Award Schedules

Fall Awards Round

(October or November - for trips in the following spring, summer, or following school year)

Timeline, Fall 2021

• October 25-November 1 Scholarship information advertised; applications available

• November 8 Applications are due in main office

November 8-22 Applications are reviewed by committee
 November 23 - Scholarship recipients are announced

Spring Awards Round

(March- for trips in the following school year - winter, spring, or summer)

Proposed Timeline. Fall 2021

• March Scholarship information advertised; applications available

• March Applications are due in main office

March Applications are reviewed by committee

• March Scholarship recipients are announced

All financial and personal information will be kept confidential.

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