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The Global Navigator Scholarship seeks to open a world of opportunity for qualified, passionate, and ambitious U.S. High School students.

1. WHAT IS A GLOBAL NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIP?

The Global Navigator Scholarships (GNS) can cover between 10 and 100% of the tuition for a CIEE High School Summer Abroad program.

Scholarships are awarded based on Academic Merit and Financial Need.

If you are not eligible for need-based scholarships or your parents prefer not to share tax information, "Academic Merit Only" scholarships are available, and can cover up to 10% of the program tuition. Visit our website to learn more about our scholarship opportunities.

2. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS?

Academic Merit + Financial Need awards are based on, you guessed it, both merit and need! These awards can cover between 10% and 100% of the program tuition. CIEE determines financial need based on your parent/guardians' most recent 1040 tax form (must be 2018 or 2019) and Schedule 1 form (if filed with the 1040 form). If you apply for an Academic Merit + Financial Need award, you will receive a notification about whether you received a scholarship and about your acceptance into the program during scholarship award announcements.

Academic Merit Only scholarships don't look at the financial pieces. They are awarded based on the merit of your achievements as represented in your application and can cover 10% of the program tuition. If you are applying for an Academic Merit Only award, you do not need to provide financial information on your scholarship application. If you apply for an Academic Merit Only award, you will receive a notification about whether you received a scholarship and about your acceptance into the program during scholarship award announcements.

The Global Navigator Scholarship is a unique award and these limited scholarships are open to applicants from around the country. The awards are highly selective.

3. WHAT DOES "ACADEMIC MERIT" MEAN?

Merit (n): the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward
According to the American Heritage Dictionary

We award scholarships to students who demonstrate the skills and passion necessary to connect with people from a different culture, impact global issues, and navigate a new language.

To review merit, we look at a few pieces of your scholarship application including your short essay responses, your GPA, and a teacher evaluation.

4. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GLOBAL NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIP?

- **Academic Merit + Financial Need:** current freshman, sophomores, and juniors are eligible to apply. Seniors are not eligible. Students must currently be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Must not have traveled on an Academic Merit + Financial Need award in the past or declined an Academic Merit + Financial Need award after the accept/decline deadline.
- **Academic Merit Only:** all high school students are welcome to apply!
 - Qualified applicants will demonstrate curiosity, good work ethic, and interest in foreign cultures and global issues. The Global Navigator Scholarship is a unique award and these limited scholarships are open to applicants from around the country. The awards are highly selective.

5. WHICH ONE SHOULD I APPLY FOR?

If you will likely require financial assistance to be able to participate this summer, you should apply for the **Academic Merit + Financial Need** awards. But, if you don't have financial need or have already received that scholarship for a past program, you should apply for an **Academic Merit Only** award. These awards can be granted multiple times.

6. HOW SHOULD I APPLY?

1. Start with the program application. Pick your first-choice program and **apply now!** In your application, you will see the option to "apply for a scholarship". Select the scholarship type that you are interested in. This will open a scholarship application.
2. Complete the Global Navigator Scholarship application.
3. Both your Global Navigator Scholarship application and program application must be complete by the deadline for your application to be considered.

What's required for the scholarship application, you ask?

- Short answer and essay questions, completed and submitted electronically
- Teacher recommendation, completed and submitted electronically
- Academic transcript
- For **Academic Merit + Financial Need** applications only: You will need a copy of your parent/guardian(s)'s 2018 or 2019 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return form, whichever one is most recent. You'll need to enter

line 6 (total income), any amount from Schedule 1, and line 7 (adjusted gross income) as well as an estimate of how much your family can realistically contribute to the program tuition—so loop your parent/guardian(s) in on this one! If you filed Schedule 1 with your 1040 you will need to upload Schedule 1 as well.

7. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Mark the date! The early application deadline is December 6! Final application deadline is February 14.

What's the advantage of applying early?

- 75% of scholarships are awarded on the early application deadline, so you have a better chance of receiving a scholarship!
- You have a better chance of securing your spot on your first-choice program!

Note: Scholarships may only be applied to one program session, so look at your school calendar, decide which session works better for you, and only apply for Session I or Session II.

Note: Students who received a Global Navigator Scholarship and applied it to a CIEE program within the last 4 years are not eligible to apply for another Academic Merit + Financial Need scholarship. They can, however, apply for an Academic Merit Only scholarship and are eligible for a 10% CIEE alumni discount.

8. WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF I RECEIVED AN AWARD?

If you apply by the early application deadline of December 6:

Scholarship notifications and acceptances to the program are announced in early January. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will have 10 days to accept or decline their award.

If you apply by the final deadline of February 14:

Scholarship notifications are sent out in early March.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will have ten days to accept or decline their award.

Note: If you are applying for an Academic Merit Only award and decide you want to go on a program, regardless of whether or not you receive a scholarship award, you may contact us to have your acceptance be fast-tracked and reserve your spot on program. Programs do fill as deadlines approach.

9. WHAT IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

If you do not receive a scholarship, and are still interested in traveling with us this summer and are able to pay the program tuition in full, give us a call! We can talk through program availability and the process of traveling without a scholarship. If you do not receive a scholarship and are unable to travel without a scholarship, you are welcome to apply again the following year if you still meet the eligibility requirements. Students may only apply for a scholarship once per year.

10. WHAT DOES THE GLOBAL NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

Academic Merit Only scholarships cover 10% of tuition. Academic Merit + Financial Need scholarships can cover between 10-100% of tuition.

Tuition includes:

- Self-paced, online orientation course
- Pre- and post-tests for language proficiency (Language & Culture programs)
- Arrival orientation
- Housing and three meals a day
- Classes
- Cultural activities
- Peer-to-peer activities
- Day trips and excursions while on-site
- iNext Travel Insurance
- 24/7 Support from your CIEE program leaders, in-country staff members, and Support staff based in Portland, Maine
- In-country transportation
- Local cell phone (most programs)

Tuition and the Global Navigator Scholarship do NOT cover:

- Airfare
- Passport fees (if you need to renew or apply for a new passport)
- Visa fees (where applicable)
- Additional food outside of the provided meals
- Overweight baggage fees
- Personal spending money
- College Credit Option (Language & Culture programs only)
- Immunization and vaccines (if applicable)

11. IS THERE A FEE TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

There is a \$25 application fee for all applicants, whether you decide to apply for a scholarship or not.

12. WHAT IS A 1040 TAX FORM AND WHY DOES CIEE REQUIRE IT?



A 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return form is the income tax return filed annually by citizens and residents of the United States. The 1040 form is a required part of the Academic Merit + Financial Need scholarship application as it allows CIEE to evaluate financial need. We take into account the total income, adjusted gross income, and number of dependents. Please visit <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f1040.pdf> to see a copy of the form. You will upload the 1040 form and Schedule 1 if it was filed.

13. MY PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) DID NOT FILL OUT A 1040 FORM THIS YEAR. WHAT SHOULD I SUBMIT FOR THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECTION?

If your parent/guardian(s) didn't fill in their 1040 for this year, ask them to do so now! The traveling participant must be listed as a dependent on the 1040. If your family is not required to file taxes we may be able to accept other documentation that indicates your household income for the year and the number of dependents. If this applied to you, please reference the scholarship application for more information on what documentation may be accepted and email hsabroad@ciee.org to verify if the documentation is sufficient.

14. I APPLIED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP LAST YEAR BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ONE. MAY I APPLY AGAIN?

Yes, we encourage you to apply again for a Global Navigator Scholarship if you still meet the eligibility requirements!

15. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AGAIN IF I WAS AWARDED A GLOBAL NAVIGATOR SCHOLARSHIP LAST YEAR BUT DECLINED IT BEFORE THE ACCEPT/DECLINE DEADLINE?

Yes, if you still meet the eligibility requirements you may apply again for a scholarship.

16. I RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND PARTICIPATED OR CANCELED AFTER THE ACCEPT/DECLINE DEADLINE. MAY I APPLY AGAIN?

You are not eligible for an Academic Merit + Financial Need award, but you are eligible to apply for an Academic Merit Only award. If you are an alum of a CIEE program you are also eligible for a 10% discount off the program tuition.

17. AM I COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAM WHEN I APPLY?

No, you are not committed to the program until you formally accept the scholarship offer and confirm your participation on the program. Applying for a scholarship is non-binding. You will have ten days after you receive notice of your award to confirm your decision with CIEE, which will allow you time to assess with your family whether you can participate. Basically, it can't hurt to apply!

18. CAN I SWITCH TO A DIFFERENT PROGRAM AFTER I HAVE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarship you are awarded will only be applicable to the specific program and session indicated in your awards letter. Once the scholarship is awarded, it cannot be transferred to another program, session, or year.

If you wish to attend a different program after the scholarship has been awarded, you can do so if there is still capacity in that program, but will have to forgo the scholarship and enroll as a full tuition-paying participant.

19. IF I RECEIVE A PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP, HOW SO I PAY FOR THE REMAINING BALANCE?

If you choose to accept the partial scholarship, you will owe CIEE a \$1,000 deposit at the time of confirmation (or the balance of the program if the remaining balance after the award is applied is less than \$1,000), and the remaining balance by the payment deadline of April 15.

It's important to keep in mind there are additional costs involved in studying abroad, such as airfare, passport, and visa fees that are not covered by tuition and therefore are not covered by the scholarship.

20. WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT- MERIT OR FINANCIAL NEED?

Both are considered equally when awarding scholarships. If you do not have financial need but are a qualified candidate, you can apply for an "Academic Merit Only" award, which can cover 10% of program tuition.

21. IS THERE A MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT TO APPLY?

No, there is not a minimum GPA requirement, but scholarships are highly competitive.

22. WHO CAN I ASK TO WRITE MY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION?

Your teacher recommendation can be written by any teacher who has had you in class for at least one year and is not related to you. It does not necessarily need to be the language/subject teacher related to the CIEE program for which you are applying. We want you to choose the teacher who knows you the best, who can write a thorough and accurate recommendation. For example, if your first-choice program is French Language & Culture in Toulouse, France, you don't have to pick your French teacher if your English teacher knows you better. If you are a freshman, or new to your school, pick a teacher that has you in class at least 3 times per week.

TIP: Remember it is your responsibility to check with your teacher and make sure they received the recommendation form from CIEE (sent by email) and that they complete the recommendation by the deadline.