

2019 Application for Financial Assistance toward ASMSA Asia Global Learning Opportunities

The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts will offer a limited number of grants and need based full scholarships to ASMSA students who enroll in one of the global learning programs and submit the following application. The purpose of the grant is to help lower the cost of study abroad for students and is part of our commitment to ensuring greater access to these extraordinary experiences.

Please note that the awarding of the standard grant or full scholarship is contingent upon the student returning to ASMSA for the entirety of his or her senior year. Students must not be placed on academic probation following the fall semester of the 2019-2020 academic year. Also, a Level 3 disciplinary violation or greater or considerable academic or residential handbook violations can disqualify a student from receiving the grant at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs. Finally, students who withdraw or are dismissed from ASMSA, will no longer be eligible to participate in the Global Learning Program and will be responsible for refunding ASMSA any money it has paid on their behalf.

Hanamaki & Tokyo Exchange *(Tentative dates: June 2019)*

Osaka & Tokyo Exchange *(Tentative date: Fall Break 2019)*

- Open to class of 2020
- The student is responsible for covering **\$2,250** of qualifying travel expenses.*
- If a standard grant is received it will cover the additional \$750 of the \$3,000 total trip cost.**
- If the need based scholarship is received it will cover the \$2,250 of qualifying travel expenses.
- Students are responsible for costs associated with travel to and from the Little Rock airport, passport fees, drinks, snacks, metro tickets in Japan, and other personal expenses. Students should budget \$250 for these basic expenses during the Japan trips. Additional money is strongly suggested for souvenirs during these trips.

**Qualifying travel expenses include airfare and train travel to and from the destination, lodging, transportation at the destination, entry fees to program museums and other cultural sites, as well as meals in Hanamaki and Osaka. (Students may have individual costs for lunch, metro, etc in Tokyo. The \$250 in personal expense money as above is typically more than sufficient.)*

***Trip costs subject to change if there is a significant increase in airfare or in the value of the Yen to the Dollar.*

GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Standard Travel Grant Application Instructions:

I. Please submit the following information typed on a cover sheet:

- Applicant's Name
- Confirm you are a Junior
- Name of global learning tour in which you wish to enroll

II. Answer the following questions typed in paragraph format. (Limit responses to 300 words.)

- A. Why do you wish to participate in this global learning opportunity?
- B. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States, hosted, or been involved with people from another country? (Give details)

III. Please list the following by including as many details as you can.

- A. Extracurricular activities
- B. Community or school organizations in which you are involved

IV. Please attach the following:

- A. A statement signed by a parent / legal guardian showing support for your educational travel.

Need Based Full Scholarship Application Instructions:

I. The following questions are to be answered only by students applying for a need based full scholarship. As above, answer all of the questions typed in paragraph format. (Please limit responses to 500 words.)

- A. Pick a topic that establishes the connections between the country you want to travel to and the United States and write a short essay on how you feel about that topic. Some example categories for topics include: the environment, education, government, literature, culture, or technology.
- B. Why do you feel you should receive a scholarship for educational travel?
- C. What was your 2017 and 2018 gross household income? Please list both amounts separately.
 - D. What are the total number of individuals living in your household?
 - E. Did you receive an ASMSA fee waiver this year?

Class of 2020 students who wish to apply for a standard grant or a need based full scholarship for any of these tours should e-mail their completed applications to Assistant Dean Slaymaker at slaymakerd@asmsa.org by **March 15, 2019**.

Financial Aid Agreement

In order to receive financial assistance from ASMSA to participate in the Global Learning Program, you (the student) and a parent / legal guardian must sign this document. Your signatures indicate that both of you understand and agree to the following terms.

1. I understand that by accepting financial aid from ASMSA I am committing myself to completing the Global Learning Program as well as the full program of study at ASMSA. Should I withdraw or be expelled from the Global Learning Program or ASMSA at any point prior to the completion of the study program, I will be responsible for refunding ASMSA any money it has paid on my behalf as part of the grant and / or scholarship I received for educational travel.

2. I understand that the grant and / or scholarship that ASMSA is awarding me is contingent upon me remaining a student at ASMSA during the entirety of the senior year, not being placed on academic probation following the 1st semester grading period of the 2018-2019 academic year, and returning to ASMSA for the entirety of my senior year. Failure to return for my senior year will require repayment of the travel grant prior to release of my records. Finally, I recognize that a Level 3 or greater disciplinary violation or considerable academic or residential handbook violations can disqualify me from receiving financial assistance at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

3. I understand that if I receive the standard grant with no additional scholarship, I will be responsible for covering the cost of qualifying travel expenses in the amount of:

Hanamaki and Tokyo Exchange - \$2,250
Osaka and Tokyo Exchange - \$2,250

4. I understand that if I receive a full-paid scholarship for the Hanamaki and Tokyo Exchange or the Tokyo and Osaka Exchange I will be responsible for covering the cost of travel to and from the Little Rock airport, any passports or visas, snacks, drinks, lunches, souvenirs, required tips, optional excursions, and other personal expenses.

5. I understand that should my financial aid be rescinded for any of the academic or residential violations noted above, I may still participate in the Global Learning Program with the permission of both the faculty sponsor and the Dean of Academic Affairs. However, I will be responsible for paying all of the costs associated with my educational travel.

6. I understand that ASMSA has a zero tolerance policy for any drug or alcohol use while on tour and violations will result in immediate return to the U. S. as well as automatic dismissal from ASMSA. Additionally, students will be responsible for any cost incurred as part of their return as well as repayment to ASMSA of the \$750 grant and any scholarship before their records would be released to their school for enrollment.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____