

Application for Financial Assistance toward ASMSA Global Learning Opportunities for Spring Break 2019

The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts will offer a limited number of grants 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.

For the “Peru: Land of the Inca Tour,” the student will be responsible for covering the cost of the first \$2,565 of qualifying travel expenses*. For the “Baja Island Ecology Program,” the student will be responsible for covering the cost of the first \$2,350 of qualifying travel expenses. Students are also responsible for costs associated with travel to and from the Little Rock airport, any passports or visas, drinks, snacks, lunches, souvenirs, tips, optional excursions, and other personal expenses. Students should budget ~\$85 to cover tips for tour guides and bus drivers and ~\$50 per day for spending money to cover snacks, drinks, lunches, souvenirs, and optional excursions while on tour.

**Qualifying travel expenses include airfare to and from the destination, lodging, transportation at the destination, entry fees to program museums and other cultural sites, fees for tour guides, as well as breakfast and dinner daily.*

Please note that the awarding of the grant 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 2018-2019 academic year. Also, a Level 3 disciplinary violation or greater or considerable 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.

Interested students must submit a typed application that includes all of the following information. In addition to the standard travel grant, there will be a limited number of full-paid scholarships available that will be awarded based on a combination of financial need and the student’s contribution to the living / learning community at ASMSA. In order to recognize demonstrated commitment to life and study at ASMSA, only seniors will be awarded need-based scholarships. There will be a limited number of full-paid scholarships available for the “Peru: Land of the Inca Tour,” and the “Baja Island Ecology Program.” Refer to the table below to see the price of the tours.

Tour	Original price	Price with ASMSA grant	Price with full scholarship	Estimated Tips	Estimated Spending Money
Peru: Land of the Inca	\$3,315	\$2,565	\$0	\$85	\$400
Baja Island Ecology Program	\$3,100	\$2,350	\$0	NA	\$200

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

- Applicant's Name
- Grade (senior or 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.

V. The following questions are to be answered **only** by students applying for a full-paid scholarship in addition to the standard grant. Please note that these scholarships will be awarded only to seniors based on a combination of financial need and the student's contribution to the living/learning community at ASMSA. Also, please note that if you apply for a full-paid scholarship, you will **not** be considered for the standard travel grant. 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 2016 and 2017 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?

Rising seniors (Class of 2019) who wish to apply for a grant or a need-based scholarship for the “Peru: Land of the Inca Tour,” or the “Baja Island Ecology Program” should e-mail their completed applications to Ron Luckow at luckowr@asmsa.org no later than **May 28, 2018**. In addition to submitting the application, grant recipients will be required to pay a \$95 non-refundable enrollment fee to secure their spot on the Peru: Land of the Inca Tour and a \$250 nonrefundable enrollment fee to secure their spot on the Baja Island Ecology Program. For seniors, the enrollment fee will be due on June 15, but payments should not be made until students have been notified that they have a spot on the tour. Incoming juniors should submit their application no later than August 18 and pay the enrollment fee no later than September 1. Make checks payable to ASMSA. The enrollment fee can be paid by mailing a check to:

Ron Luckow
Attn: Global Learning Program
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences & Arts
200 Whittington Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Any questions should be directed to Ron Luckow at luckowr@asmsa.org or at 501-622-5134.

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 no longer be eligible to participate in the Global Learning Program and 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 junior 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 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 \$2,565 for the "Peru: Land of the Inca Tour," or \$2,350 for the "Baja Island Ecology Program." I will also be responsible for covering any costs associated with travel to and from the Little Rock airport, any passports or visas, snacks, drinks, lunches, souvenirs, required tips, optional excursions, and other personal expenses.

4. I understand that if I receive a full-paid scholarship for the "Peru: Land of the Inca Tour," or the "Baja Island Ecology Program," 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 reason, 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 _____