

## Scholarships

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, every year we award scholarships to lifelong learners in need. Since our earliest days, we have set aside resources to ensure that adults with limited financial means would be able to experience a Road Scholar learning adventure. We are a true university of the world, and our scholarships can turn the dream of experiencing one of our thousands of educational travel adventures into a reality. Our scholarships also enhance the program experience for all participants by welcoming individuals with diverse life perspectives to fully participate in our learning communities.

Generally, scholarships are awarded to recipients whose household income is less than 80 percent of the median household income in their state of residency (see the enclosed table). Income eligibility alone doesn't guarantee a scholarship, nor does a household income higher than the guideline automatically disqualify you. You will also have the opportunity in a personal statement to tell us why you are requesting a scholarship. This may include special personal, financial or medical circumstances.

We encourage you to submit an application and share your story with us. Pick an eligible program you'd like to attend in the United States or Canada and use the personal statement section of the application to tell us why this program inspires you and what circumstances make it difficult for you to attend without a scholarship. This is your chance to tell us about yourself and what the opportunity would mean for you to go on a Road Scholar learning adventure.

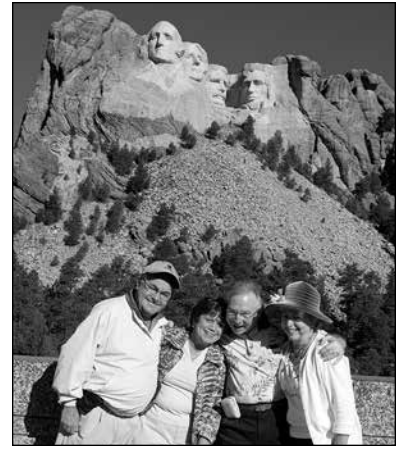
We recommend that you submit your application at least 3 months prior to your selected program start date. If your application is approved, we'll award you a scholarship toward the cost of the program. **Please read the following sections for important information about the application requirements and what to expect if your application is approved.**

We're so glad you want to experience the joys of learning with Road Scholar. We can't wait for you to join us.

Sincerely,



James Moses  
Road Scholar President



## THE BASICS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

### Who can apply for a scholarship?

We accept scholarship applications from anyone who meets all of the following criteria:

- At least 50 years of age
- Lives in the United States
- Meets the financial eligibility guideline (see enclosed table) and/or demonstrates financial need in the personal statement
- Have not taken a Road Scholar program in the last two years and is not currently enrolled in any additional Road Scholar programs

### Which programs are eligible for scholarships?

You can apply for a scholarship toward the cost of any program that meets all of the following criteria:

- It costs NO MORE than \$2,000.
- It takes place in the United States or Canada. Please note that deposit requirements vary by program.
- Your application must include the program number and date of a specific program that costs \$2,000 or less.
- If you are awarded a scholarship, you must apply it toward the program and date specified in your application. You cannot reserve it for a program to be selected in the future.

### What happens if your application is approved?

Here's how the scholarship works:

- The scholarship is applied toward the cost of the program you selected in your application.
- The amount of the scholarship award will be up to \$1,500, based on the program cost and the required deposit.
- At minimum, you will pay the applicable deposit for the program selected.
- You will pay the balance of the program cost after the scholarship has been applied.

### What happens if you send in an incomplete application?

To make sure your application is reviewed, please use the checklist at the end of the application. Incomplete applications cannot be reviewed. We will not be able to notify you if your application is incomplete.

### What if your plans change?

We know that in rare instances a scholarship recipient may have to adjust their travel plans. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Remember: Your program deposit is non-refundable and is used to cover our costs if you have to cancel your program or transfer to another.
- If you cancel your enrollment in the program, the scholarship becomes void.
- If Road Scholar cancels your program, the scholarship can be transferred to another program without fees.
- If after enrollment you decide to transfer to another eligible program, the scholarship may be transferred along with the enrollment.
- Your scholarship can't be transferred to another person.

### Is there anything the scholarship doesn't cover?

The scholarship is applied to the cost of the program only. It does not cover ...

- The cost of transportation to and from the program.
- Any additional material costs or expenses.

### What are you expected to do when you return from your program?

When you get back from your adventure, we ask that you do a few things for us. If you fail to do the following, **we may not award you a scholarship in the future.**

- Complete an evaluation after the program.
- Write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) who funded your scholarship.
- Post an online review and photos. We can help you with this if you need.
- Allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter when we report to donors and tell others about our scholarships.

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*These terms, conditions and eligibility are subject to change without notice.*

***Please save this page for future reference after submitting the attached application.***

## GUIDELINES FOR HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR ROAD SCHOLAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

State	1 Earner	2 People
Alabama	\$31,450	\$38,530
Alaska	\$42,170	\$56,140
Arizona	\$33,000	\$43,200
Arkansas	\$28,610	\$36,320
California	\$37,950	\$49,400
Colorado	\$38,840	\$51,440
Connecticut	\$45,720	\$57,120
Delaware	\$37,840	\$49,150
District of Columbia	\$39,330	\$64,240
Florida	\$32,850	\$40,570
Georgia	\$32,300	\$40,720
Hawaii	\$39,130	\$50,080
Idaho	\$32,750	\$39,110
Illinois	\$37,220	\$46,920
Indiana	\$32,990	\$41,240
Iowa	\$33,080	\$46,130
Kansas	\$33,370	\$44,560
Kentucky	\$31,370	\$36,690
Louisiana	\$29,760	\$37,410
Maine	\$32,520	\$41,720
Maryland	\$45,670	\$57,750
Massachusetts	\$43,580	\$52,860
Michigan	\$35,290	\$41,240
Minnesota	\$37,700	\$49,890
Mississippi	\$28,400	\$33,780
Missouri	\$32,210	\$40,590

State	1 Earner	2 People
Montana	\$33,150	\$42,610
Nebraska	\$32,810	\$46,670
Nevada	\$35,210	\$43,640
New Hampshire	\$41,220	\$51,600
New Jersey	\$47,920	\$54,630
New Mexico	\$30,060	\$40,730
New York	\$37,460	\$46,480
North Carolina	\$31,910	\$40,610
North Dakota	\$32,570	\$48,200
Ohio	\$33,560	\$41,710
Oklahoma	\$31,870	\$40,420
Oregon	\$33,830	\$43,150
Pennsylvania	\$37,180	\$43,270
Rhode Island	\$36,760	\$48,290
South Carolina	\$30,750	\$39,620
South Dakota	\$29,840	\$44,820
Tennessee	\$31,270	\$38,100
Texas	\$32,310	\$43,810
Utah	\$39,950	\$43,960
Vermont	\$36,070	\$48,360
Virginia	\$41,800	\$51,670
Washington	\$41,320	\$51,040
West Virginia	\$32,530	\$34,910
Wisconsin	\$34,220	\$45,980
Wyoming	\$35,530	\$49,530

# Scholarship Application

## INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully before applying for a scholarship.

Please complete one application per person. In order to be reviewed by the Financial Assistance Committee, all parts of the application must be complete, including the program number and date for which you are applying. Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Your answers will be used to determine eligibility, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Please use the checklist at the end of the application to ensure that your submission is complete and eligible.

We cannot review an application for a program with a start date of less than 6 weeks or an enrollment that has already been paid in full. The review of an application takes 4-6 weeks once it has been received by the committee; applications are reviewed in the order that they are received and cannot be expedited. Therefore, please ensure that you are submitting this application early enough to allow time to enroll and make your travel arrangements after you receive your award letter. We recommend that you apply at least 3 months prior to your selected program start date.

If you have any questions regarding scholarships, you may contact us by emailing [scholarships@roadscholar.org](mailto:scholarships@roadscholar.org)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you learn about Road Scholar?**

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**Please provide the following information about the program for which you want to register:**

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Double or Single Occupancy: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Program Cost (Must be under \$2,000): \_\_\_\_\_



**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

**Are you:** ☐ Married ☐ Divorced or separated ☐ Widowed ☐ Single, never married

**Gender:** ☐ Female ☐ Male

**Please indicate your highest level of educational achievement (select one):**

☐ Some High School

☐ College/University degree

☐ High School Diploma

☐ Master's or Professional degree

☐ Some College/University

☐ Doctoral degree

☐ Associates Degree

☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Status:** ☐ Employed ☐ Retired

**If employed, please tell us in what profession/occupation; if retired, please tell us your last profession/occupation:**

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**Do you currently volunteer?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Name(s) of volunteer organization(s) and/or activities:**

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read the following seven (7) sections at the beginning of this application and sign below to confirm that you have read and understand the terms and conditions therein:

“Who can apply for a scholarship?”

“Which programs are eligible for scholarships?”

“What happens if your application is approved?”

“What happens if you send in an incomplete application?”

“What if your plans change?”

“Is there anything the scholarship doesn’t cover?”

“What are you expected to do when you return from your program?”

By signing this application, you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the scholarship program; to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors (and the public at large) how donations to Road Scholar are being used; and to be identified in those materials by your first name, last initial, city and state (e.g. Mary S., Omaha, Nebraska).

Your financial and contact information will always remain completely confidential.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your completed application to:**

Road Scholar  
Attn: Financial Assistance Committee  
PO Box 56033  
Boston, MA 02205-6033

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**Please use this checklist to ensure that you are submitting all of the information required.****Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

- ☐ Verify your eligibility to receive a scholarship under the terms and conditions.
- ☐ Verify that your program selection is eligible under the terms and conditions (less than \$2,000 and takes place in the U.S. or Canada).
- ☐ Complete all of your contact information.
- ☐ Fill out the entire Financial Information section.
- ☐ Provide the name, number, required deposit, total cost and date of the program you have selected.
- ☐ Complete the 250-500-word personal statement.
- ☐ Sign and date the application.
- ☐ Enclose your financial documentation (your last federal income tax filing or your last Social Security benefit statement).

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