

Scholarships

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, every year we award hundreds of 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.

You can apply for a scholarship if your household income is less than 80 percent of the median household income in your state of residency. Check the enclosed table to see if you're eligible, but keep in mind that income eligibility alone doesn't guarantee a scholarship. 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. It takes 4-6 weeks to review your application. 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.

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.

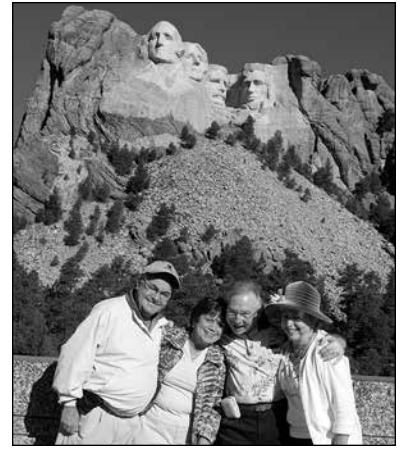
If your application is approved, we'll award you a scholarship toward the cost of the program. **Please read the following sections for important information about the application requirements and what to expect if your application is approved.**

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

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 \$1,400.
- It takes place in the United States or Canada. Please check the deposit requirements of your selected program.
- Your application must include the program number and date of a specific program that costs \$1,400 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.

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 eligibility requirements (see enclosed table)
- Have not taken a Road Scholar program in the last two years

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 will be between \$200 and \$900, determined by your household income.
- You will pay the balance of the program cost after the scholarship has been applied.
- At minimum, you will pay a \$100 deposit, no matter the program cost and amount awarded.

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.

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

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

State	Road Scholar Financial Assistance Maximum Household Income	
	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
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. Due to the large number of applications we receive, we cannot notify you if you are missing requirements. Please use the checklist at the end of the application to ensure that your submission is complete and eligible.

*Note: Please remember to sign and date the final page of the application. **All fields are required.***

Please allow 4-6 weeks for the Financial Assistance Committee to review your application.

If you have any questions regarding scholarships, you may contact us by emailing contact@roadscholar.org or by calling toll free at (877) 426-8056, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., ET.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

How did you learn about Road Scholar?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION *(All information will be kept strictly confidential.)*

Total Household Income (\$) Last Year: \$ _____

Include all sources of income, including salaries, wages, interest, IRA distributions, pensions and gross Social Security benefits.

Did you file an income tax return for the previous year? Yes No

If yes, please attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your last federal income tax filing.

If no, please attach a copy of your last Social Security Benefit Statement.

Note: The Financial Assistance Committee will deny your application if you do not attach validation of yearly income. If you would like the Committee to consider any extraordinary personal, financial, medical or other circumstances or expenses, please describe them in detail in your Personal Statement.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

Program Name: _____

Program Number: _____ Program Date: _____

Double or Single Occupancy: _____ Total Program Cost (Must be under \$1,400): _____

YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

The purpose of your personal statement is to help determine why Road Scholar should award you a scholarship. Please tell us, in specific detail, why you are requesting a scholarship. Please include any special circumstances or personal experiences that have influenced your request for this scholarship. If you would like the Financial Assistance Committee to consider any extraordinary personal, financial, medical or other circumstances or expenses, please also describe them in detail. This essay is used to help us determine need. When funds are limited, the personal statement can be a deciding factor between one application and another.

Note: 250-500 words are required. We encourage you to type and attach your essay, if possible. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

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:

“Which programs are eligible for scholarships?”

“Who can apply for a scholarship?”

“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
11 Avenue De Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111

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 \$1,400 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, date and total cost 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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