

Aspire by API Scholarship Application

The Aspire by API scholarship offers awards that range from \$250 to \$1,000 per session. Fall, spring, academic year and summer students are eligible to apply.

All applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for an Aspire scholarship.

- Cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 (B average) or higher.
- Must have applied and been accepted to an Aspire program.

To apply for a scholarship, each applicant must submit the following.

- Two essays:
 1. Now that you have chosen your study abroad destination with Aspire, you are likely reading about the country you will soon be calling home. Research an aspect of your host country's culture and/or society that you find interesting and share your thoughts about it in a one-page essay.
 2. A one-page essay answering the following questions: Why do you want to study abroad? What is your financial need? What special circumstances about which you would like Aspire to know about?
- One letter of recommendation for the scholarship (in addition to the one required for the Aspire application) from a teacher or a guidance counselor. This may not be from the same teacher who submitted the first letter of recommendation.

Aspire encourages students to submit their essays and letter of recommendation together. All materials must be received by Aspire on or before the deadline for the applicant to be considered. Scholarship application deadlines are as follows:

FALL/YEAR	June 10
SPRING	October 15
SUMMER	April 1

Once received, Aspire scholarship applications will be processed and applied in the following manner.

- Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and financial need.
- All applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions 4-6 weeks after the scholarship application deadline. If full payment is due before scholarship awards are issued, payment should be sent according to the Aspire Payment Policies and Schedule. If a student is awarded a scholarship, a refund will be issued for that amount.

Any student who voluntarily withdraws before or after their program will forfeit their scholarship award.

Return the following page along with the supplemental requirements to Aspire by mail, e-mail or fax. If letters of recommendation are sent via e-mail, they must be e-mailed directly to Aspire by the teacher or counselor.

Aspire by API

301 Camp Craft Road • Suite 100

Austin, Texas 78746-6501

api@academicintl.com

Fax: 512-600-8999

MAIL APPLICATION AND ALL OF THE REQUIRED MATERIALS TO:

ASPIRE BY API • 301 CAMP CRAFT ROAD • SUITE 100 • AUSTIN, TX 78746-6501

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN CAPITAL LETTERS WITH BLACK OR BLUE INK.

Personal Information

STUDENT'S NAME FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

CURRENT TELEPHONE (_____) _____ **MOBILE TELEPHONE** (_____) _____
Area Code Area Code

E-MAIL _____

NAME OF SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **CURRENT GRADE LEVEL** 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

CUMULATIVE G.P.A. _____ **APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A CUMULATIVE G.P.A. OF 3.0 (B) OR HIGHER IN ORDER TO APPLY.**

Program Information

SESSION Spring 1 Spring 2 Summer 1 Summer 2 Summer 3 Summer 4 Fall Spring Academic Year
 Other _____

PROGRAM TYPE Summer Program Gap Year Gap Semester/Quarter

PROGRAM LOCATION

COSTA RICA SAN JOAQUÍN DE FLORES **FRANCE** GRENOBLE PARIS **ITALY** FLORENCE **IRELAND** CORK LIMERICK
SPAIN BARCELONA MADRID SALAMANCA **OTHER** _____

PROGRAM NAME (e.g., SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE IMMERSION) _____

I certify that I have properly cited any sources used in the preparation of my essays.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____ **DATE** _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY WITH BLACK OR BLUE INK.

Instructions for Student:

Please complete the personal information below and then give this form to a teacher or guidance counselor that you would like to use as a reference. Be sure to provide your reference with a stamped envelope addressed to:

ASPIRE BY API • 301 CAMP CRAFT ROAD • SUITE 100 • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78746-6501

NAME _____ **TELEPHONE** (_____) _____
Last First Area Code

CURRENT ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

E-MAIL _____ **CURRENT TELEPHONE** (_____) _____
Area Code

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____

ASPIRE PROGRAM YOU'RE APPLYING TO _____
Country Program Name

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, I waive any right of access that I might have to this evaluation.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ **DATE** _____

Instructions for Teachers/Guidance Counselor:

The student named above is applying to an Aspire high school or gap year/gap semester study abroad program. These programs require students to be emotionally mature, flexible, and academically focused. The students must also be able to abide by the Aspire Code of Conduct without constant supervision. We appreciate your evaluation of the student's ability to successfully participate in an Aspire program:

- ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- SOCIAL MATURITY** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- RESPECT FOR RULES** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- SELF-RELIANCE** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- LEADERSHIP ABILITY** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- TEAM PLAYER** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis
- MOTIVATION** Excellent Above Average Average Below Average No Basis

How long have you known the student and in what capacity? _____

Are you aware of any previous disciplinary problems involving this applicant that would cause concern when considering this type of program?

Yes No

If yes, please elaborate _____

PLEASE CONTINUE RECOMMENDATION ON NEXT PAGE >>>

Would you please describe below why you feel this student is or is not a good candidate for a study abroad program. Please keep in mind the student's academics, maturity and discipline.

Additional comments: _____

I recommend this student: Enthusiastically Strongly Fairly Strongly With Reservation

NAME AND JOB TITLE _____

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

SCHOOL _____

OFFICE E-MAIL _____ **OFFICE TELEPHONE** (_____) _____
Area Code