Application for Financial Assistance toward ASMSA Global Learning Opportunities for Summer in Quebec 2020

The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts will offer partial grants and one full-paid scholarship to ASMSA students who enroll in the Quebec program and who are not current 12th or 10th graders. 12th graders are excluded since they will already have graduated by July 2020 and 10th graders become eligible when they are in the 11th grade (rising seniors). The following application must be submitted for the full scholarship. The purpose of this grant is to help provide access to study abroad for students and is part of our commitment to these extraordinary experiences.

Students are responsible for the cost and fees incurred in securing a passport and any pocket/spending money for snacks or souvenirs while in Quebec. All meals, transport in Quebec City, pass to the music festival, round-trip airline travel between Little Rock and Quebec, and travel and medical insurance, entry fees to program museums and other cultural sites are provided while in Quebec City. Any other fees are the responsibility of the student. If the student cancels the trip, misses the flight, or does not secure a passport, he/she will be responsible for the fees and penalties involved, including but not limited to full payment of the entire program. Please note that this form includes the regular $750 travel grant as well as the full-paid scholarship. In other words, if a student is participating in the Quebec program, he/she must fill out this form.

Please note that the awarding of the grant is contingent upon the student returning to ASMSA for the entirety of his or her final year of study (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 handbook violations can disqualify a student from receiving the grant at the discretion of program directors and administrative officials. 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 standard travel grant of $750, there is one full-paid scholarship 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, seniors are excluded since they will already have graduated, and 10th graders become eligible to apply during their 11th grade year (rising seniors).

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

- Applicant’s Name
- Grade (sophomore, junior)
- Name of global learning program (Quebec)
II. Answer the following questions typed in a paragraph format. Limit responses to 300 words.

- Why do you wish to participate in this global learning opportunity?
- Have you ever traveled outside of the United States, hosted, or interacted with people from another country? Please provide details.

III. Please list the following by including as many details as possible.

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

IV. Please attach the following:

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

V. The following questions are to be answered by students who are applying for a full-paid scholarship (seniors are excluded) in addition to the standard $750 grant. Please note that these scholarships are awarded based on a combination of financial need and the student’s contribution to the living/learning community at ASMSA. Please limit responses to 500 words.

- 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.
- Why do you feel you should receive a scholarship for educational travel?
- What was your 2017 and 2018 gross household income? Please list both amounts separately.
- What are the total number of individuals living in your household?
- Did you receive an ASMSA fee waiver this year?

In addition to submitting the application, grant recipients will be required to pay a $100 non-refundable enrollment fee to secure their spot on the Quebec trip. All applications are due on the 31st of October 2019. Make the $100 check payable to ASMSA. For details, speak to Mr. Bryan Adams or Mr. Ron Luckow.

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Financial Aid Agreement

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

II. 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 same academic year, not being placed on academic probation following the 1st semester grading period of the 2019-2020 academic year, and returning to ASMSA for the entirety of my senior year. Failure to return to 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 assistant at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

III. I understand that if I receive the standard grant with no additional scholarship, I will be responsible for covering the cost of the qualifying travel expenses in the amount of $2,949.00 CAD in addition to any amount you may have lost for the flight. 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, souvenirs, optional excursions, and other personal expenses.

IV. I understand that if I receive a full-paid scholarship (which includes flight expenses), I will be responsible for covering the cost of travel to and from the Little Rock Airport, any passports or visas, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, optional excursions, or other personal expenses.

V. 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 level.

VI. I understand that ASMSA has a zero tolerance policy for any drugs or alcohol use while on tour, and violations may result in immediate return to the U.S. and I will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Handbook. 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 Signature ______________________________ Date ______________