

As part of our mission to make educational travel a reality for as many young people as possible, WorldStrides Canada is dedicated to creating experiential learning opportunities for individuals to participate in our programs. To support this vision, elementary and secondary school students are eligible to receive financial assistance through the **WorldStrides Canada Financial Assistance Program**.

Candidates for financial assistance may have undergone family financial hardships that prevent them from joining their classmates on tour, identify with one or more of the following: Black/African, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, White, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTQIA+, and/or they have a disability or disabilities. To be considered, **the participant's school** must complete an application form and an educator statement for each applicant.

- Individuals travelling on a coach tour could receive up to \$250
- Individuals travelling on a flight tour could receive up to \$1,000

INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTES

Application Eligibility

All schools must travel with WorldStrides Canada to be eligible for a scholarship. Tours should be sponsored by the school and approved by the Board of Education. Each student is eligible for a scholarship only once during their elementary and high school tenure.

Application Process

[Please click here to submit your application](#), which includes a short form and an educator statement. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Schools with multiple applicants should submit a new form for each applicant, indicating the dollar amount requested per student (up to \$2,000 per school). Applications will be reviewed as they are received and funds allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The status of the application will be emailed within six weeks of the review date. Successful applicants will receive the scholarship funds through WorldStrides Canada in the form of a credit on their final invoice. The financial assistance application process is completely confidential.

Terms and Conditions

Participation in the Financial Assistance Program is subject to the participant remaining in good academic standing and attending the program for which they are registered. A limited number of scholarships are available each year. Funds are awarded based on eligibility and on a first-come, first-served basis until the total available funds of \$90,000 have been distributed.

WorldStrides Canada reserves the right to suspend the program at any time. Awards may not be sold, transferred, deferred, or assigned, nor are they convertible to cash. If a trip is cancelled and refunded for any reason, award recipients will not be entitled to an additional cash amount equivalent to that of the scholarship.

All information provided above will be held in confidence.

EDUCATOR STATEMENT CRITERIA

A letter, written by an educator on school letterhead, must be uploaded to each application form. Letters from the participant or parent cannot be accepted; therefore, interested parents should speak with their school. The content of the letter should include the information outlined below.

Elementary School Participants

1. Reasons the participant is deserving of a scholarship:
 - Demonstration of academic achievement based on ability.
 - Demonstration of contributions to the school or local community.
 - Expected benefits to the student by participating in the tour.
2. Fundraising efforts by the participant:
 - Demonstration of participation in school fundraising projects for the tour.
 - In cases where fundraising is not available through the school, demonstration of independent efforts by the participant to subsidize their trip.
3. Financial circumstances:
 - Explanation of the inability of the family to support the participant financially, either in whole or in part. Please be specific. **Note: Proof of financial information is not required.**
4. Self-Identification:
 - Participants identify with one or more of the following: Black/African, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, White, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTQIA+, and/or have a disability or disabilities.

Secondary School Participants

1. Reasons the participant is deserving of a scholarship:
 - Demonstration of enthusiasm for the subject matter that inspired the tour.
 - Demonstration of contribution to the school or local community, over and above the required community service hours.
 - Expected benefits to the participant by participation in the tour.
2. Fundraising efforts by the participant:
 - Demonstration of efforts to raise some or all of the funds necessary to pay for the tour.
3. Financial circumstances:
 - Explanation of the inability of the family to support the participant financially, either in whole or in part. Please be specific. **Note: Proof of financial information is not required.**
 - Please be advised, saving for post-secondary education is not an acceptable demonstration of financial need.
4. Self-Identification:
 - Participants identify with one or more of the following: Black/African, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian, White, Indigenous Peoples, LGBTQIA+, and/or have a disability or disabilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact FAP@worldstrides.ca.