

# Eligibility

To be eligible for a Wandering Scholar fellowship, the following statements must apply. Please read carefully and confirm:

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**This will be my first international travel scholarship.**

Yes

**I am currently a sophomore or junior in high school.**

Yes

**My household's combined annual income is less than \$50,000 (or \$60,000 if a household of 5 or more).**

Yes

**My schedule permits me to travel internationally from June 24-July 20, 2018.**

Yes

**I am able to commit to an average of 5 hours per week of participation in The Wandering Scholar's online pre-departure and re-entry curriculum between June-August 2018.**

Yes

**I have a personal email account that I check on a regular basis. (If you do not, please create one using a program such as gmail or hotmail. For the sake of professionalism, we recommend that you choose a user ID that corresponds to your first and last name.)**

Yes

**I have spoken with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and teacher(s) about my interest in The Wandering Scholar, and they support my decision to apply.**

Yes

**I have asked a teacher, supervisor, coach, or other adult to submit a recommendation on my behalf, and he/she has agreed to submit that recommendation by the February 28, 2018 deadline.**

Yes

**I have downloaded the PDF version of the application, read through it, and am ready to submit my answers. Please note, once you begin your application you cannot save it to complete at a later time.**

Yes

# Personal Information

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**Full Name**

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First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

**Birth Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Month

\_\_\_\_\_  
Day

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year

## Racial/Ethnic Background

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This question is optional and is not considered in acceptance decisions. This information is used for statistical tracking only.

**Sex (This question is optional and is not considered in acceptance decisions. This information is used for statistical tracking only.)**

Female

Male

Other

## Home Address

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Street Address

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Street Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State / Province

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Postal / Zip Code

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Country

## E-mail

## Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Area Code

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number

## Primary Language Spoken at Home

## How did you find out about The Wandering Scholar?

Wandering Scholar Alumnus/Alumna

Teacher

Parent

Friend

Facebook or Twitter

Walking Tree Travel Website

Google, Bing, other search engine

Walking Tree Travel Presentation

Other

**If you checked the first box when answering the above question, please tell us the name of the Wandering Scholar alumnus/alumna**

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## Academic Background & Experience

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## Name of School and Location

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Example: ABC High School, Denver,  
CO

## Current Grade

Sophomore

Junior

## What is your Fall 2017 grade point average? Please indicate the scale.

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Ex. 3.4 / 4.0. Note: If your grades aren't finalized yet give as accurate an estimate as possible.

## Do you study a foreign language? What is your level of proficiency (e.g. advanced, general, basic)?

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Example: "Spanish, general  
proficiency"

## Do you have social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc) accounts? If so, please enter your handles below

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## Do you have a United States passport that will be valid for international travel during July 2018? (Please note that due to visa requirements we are unable to accept applications from students traveling without United States Passports.)

Yes

No, but I am applying for one now.

## Please describe any previous international travel experiences.

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## Parent/Guardian and Household Information

### Parent or Guardian Name

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First Name

Last Name

### Phone Number

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Area  
Code

Phone Number

### E-mail (please make sure this is an account he or she checks on a regular basis)

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**Relationship to Applicant**

Mother  
Father  
Step-parent  
Foster parent or Legal Guardian

**Civil Status**

Single  
Married  
Divorced or Separated  
Widowed

**Highest Level of Education Attained**

Middle School  
High School  
College  
Graduate or Professional School  
Vocational Training

**Occupation**

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**2nd Parent or Guardian Name**

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First Name                      Last Name

**Phone Number**

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Area                      Phone Number  
Code

**E-mail (please make sure this is an account he or she checks on a regular basis)**

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## Annual Household Income (2017)

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## How many members of the household are supported by the reported income?

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This may include: the applicant, the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s), other children living in the household, dependent college students living away from home, or other individuals who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported income.

**Optional: Please describe any extenuating circumstances or reasons for financial need that are not already expressed through the above information, such as medical expenses not covered by insurance or college tuition expenses.**

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## Summer Plans and Preferences

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**Do you plan to work during the summer? If so, where and why? How many hours per week will you work?**

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**Please list any other scholarships or summer programs you are applying to for the summer of 2018.**

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**For Summer 2018, all Wandering Scholars will participate in custom trips with Smithsonian Student Adventures. Please visit their website and look at their list of open enrollment programs before answering the following questions: What is most appealing to you about the prospect of visiting one of these countries? What are you most looking forward to seeing and experiencing? (250 words)**

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## Essay Questions

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**Why do you want to participate in The Wandering Scholar program? What makes you the best candidate for our organization? What do you hope to take away from the experience?**

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Note: This is a chance to help us learn more about who you are, where you come from and where you want to go. Please take time to make your answers as clear and complete as possible. We love learning about you and consider these essays the most important part of the application. There is no word count, so use your best judgment.

**The Wandering Scholar is more than just a travel scholarship. Scholars must participate in online pre-departure and re-entry programs, which requires an ability to meet deadlines, work independently, and be accountable even without face-to-face interaction. Please use this space to explain what has prepared you to meet these expectations. Be sure to give specific examples based on previous experiences in classes, extracurriculars, jobs, enrichment programs, et cetera (250 words max).**

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**A key part of our mission is to encourage Wandering Scholars to play an active role in their international education by completing a documentation project related to their experience. If chosen as a Wandering Scholar, what would the focus of your project be? How would you gather information before and during your trip to complete the project? Who would you present the project to in your home community? How might you share the project online? (500 words max)**

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**In your own words, describe what you think it means to be a Wandering Scholar. (150 words max)**

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## Reference Information

Each applicant must submit one reference. It is up to you to make sure that your reference completes the form on our website (found under Apply -> Reference Form) by the February 28 deadline.

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### Reference Name

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First Name

Last Name

**E-mail**

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**Relationship to Applicant**

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