



American Secondary School Scholarship Competition
Information for Candidates and Families in Australia
For the Academic Year 2019/20

<u>Important events</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Questions?</u>
Application deadline	Friday, October 19, 2018	Kristen Sullivan, Program Coordinator ASSIST kristen@assistscholars.org
Perth interviews	Oct/Nov (local and by Skype)	Mrs. Peta Wise Humanities and Social Science Teacher Wesley College peta.wise@wesley.wa.edu.au
Melbourne interviews	Oct/Nov	Ms. Shanelle Spencer Director of Coerwull Center for Leadership and Service Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School sspencer@ivanhoegirls.vic.edu.au
Brisbane interviews	Oct/Nov	Mr. James Seaha Emeritus of Brisbane Girls Grammar School ljseaha@optusnet.com.au
Sydney interviews	Oct/Nov	Dr. Peter Stiles Lecturer and Academic Consultant The Wesley Institute p.stiles@bigpond.net.au

How to Apply

Complete instructions and application materials are available online for all candidates:

<http://assistscholars.org/apply-now.html>

Please read the *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. Australian students in the second half of Year 10 are eligible to apply to ASSIST for placement in the 11th grade.

Please complete the online portion of the application and mail the original along with your school reports and references to the applicable regional coordinator's address noted below. Applications must be received by **Friday, October 19, 2018**.

Western Australia

Mrs. Peta Wise
Humanities & Social Science Teacher
Wesley College
P.O. Box 149
South Perth WA 6151

Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania

Ms. Shanelle Spencer
Director of Coerwull Center for
Leadership and Service
Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
123 Marshall Street
Ivanhoe VIC 3079



New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory

Dr. Peter Stiles
Lecturer and Academic Consultant
The Wesley Institute
5 Mary Street
PO Box 534
Drummoyne NSW 2047

Queensland

Mr. James Seaha
15 Pevny Street
Salisbury QLD 4107

Interviews and Decisions

After receiving applications, we will designate finalists to be interviewed. Mrs. Wise, Ms. Spencer, Mr. Seaha, or Dr. Stiles will contact those selected, according to the regions noted above.

In December 2018, the American interviewers will select the candidates to whom scholarships will be offered. We will communicate our decisions to all students who were interviewed. Candidates selected for scholarships will be asked to make an immediate decision to accept the scholarship and must bind this decision with a small deposit.

Program Costs

As with all international exchange programs, a fee is charged to all participants. The ASSIST full scholarship program fee for full scholarship recipients in Australia for the 2019/20 academic year is US \$14,750.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Australia to the U.S., the return trip from the school in the spring, health and accident insurance, the medical examination, spending money (about US \$150/month), and any activity fees and expenses (such as books and supplies) charged by the school.

Each year, ASSIST receives many more applications from qualified students than we have full scholarships to offer. In these instances, partial scholarships – approximately half of the school tuition – may be offered to candidates. The ASSIST program fee in 2019/20 for partial scholarship students is US \$32,250. Tuitions at member boarding schools in 2018/19 range up to US \$64,500. In 2018/19, 81 students were awarded full scholarships, and 96 students were awarded partial scholarships.

Purposes of the Scholarships

These scholarships are offered for several important purposes. First, the student gains tremendously and grows in significant ways. Second, we believe that international peace and friendship are advanced when people from different cultures spend significant amounts of time living and learning with one another. Third, the presence of international students greatly enriches the American schools in which they study.

For these reasons, all scholarships offered are for one year. At the conclusion of the 2019/20 academic year, all students must return to Australia to continue their education, and they must remain in their home country for one year. We hope over the following years that you will share what you have learned with friends, family and fellow students.

Further Study

After spending a year at home, candidates may return to the United States for college or university study. A growing number of our students have taken this route and earned generous scholarships. ASSIST and the independent school attended in the U.S. will support the application with recommendations and advice.

Questions

If you have questions about any aspect of this scholarship competition, please contact Kristen Sullivan: Kristen@assistscholars.org. We wish you well in your application.