



# ASSIST

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

### Important Dates

<b>Early Application Deadline</b>	<b>Friday, November 23, 2018</b>
Final Application Deadline	Monday, December 31, 2018
Information Sessions	September 29, 2018 Goethe-Gymnasium Astgasse 3 - 1140 Wien ÖPNV: U4 bis Unter St. Veit 10:00 – 15:00
	October 20, 2018 BG GIBS Graz International Bilingual School Georgigasse 85 8020 Graz 10:00 – 15:00
Testing Days	To Be Determined
First Round of Interviews	December 10 & 11, 2018
Second Round of Interviews	January 2019 – TBD

### How to Apply

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

<http://assistscholars.org/>

Please read *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. Please pay particular attention to the requirements for Austrian applicants as the timeline and procedures vary in countries where ASSIST conducts the scholarship competition. Students currently in Grade 9 or Grade 10 are eligible to apply to ASSIST for placement in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

We have taken note in Austria that the applicant pool develops over two distinct time frames. We want to be certain that outstanding candidates who become aware of ASSIST later in the year still have the opportunity to apply. Therefore, candidates who apply by November 23, 2018, will receive a decision from ASSIST in January 2019. Candidates who apply by December 31, 2018, will receive a decision from ASSIST in February 2019. Please complete all application materials, make a copy of the web-based application for your records, and mail the original and a copy along with your recommendations and transcript to the address noted below.

Applications post-marked after December 31 will not be considered. *Please e-mail Mrs. Krizková when you have mailed your materials.* Ms. Katarina Krizková represents ASSIST in Austria and Slovakia and will notify you regarding the results of your application.

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## Application Fee

An application fee of €60 is due once the web-based application is complete. Please follow the instructions on the ASSIST Austria webpage to make payment. Candidates should include proof of payment when submitting the completed application.

## Interviews and English Language Testing

After receiving applications, decisions will be made regarding those students selected to be interviewed. We will send a letter to those who will be interviewed, noting the date and time of your interview and English language testing. The ELTiS (English Language Test for International Students) will measure the candidates' knowledge of the English language. Candidates will also be asked to handwrite an essay on a topic that will be assigned after the test.

The interviewers will meet to select the candidates to whom scholarships will be offered. We will communicate our decisions to all students who were interviewed. Candidates who interview in December, will receive a decision from ASSIST in January. Candidates who interview in January will receive a decision in February. 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 in Austria for the 2019/20 academic year is US \$15,750.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Austria to the U.S., the return trip from the school at the end of the year, 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 \$64,499. In 2018/19, 79 students were awarded full scholarships, and 95 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 Austria 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](mailto:Kristen@assistscholars.org). We wish you well in your application.