

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

Important Dates

Application Deadline **Friday, November 30, 2018**
Interview Day TBA • January 2019

How to Apply

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

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

Please read *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. Whether you are currently enrolled in the 10th grade or 11th grade, ***you will be an applicant for a placement in the 11th grade in the U.S.***

Please complete all application materials, make a full copy of all documents, and mail the original and a copy to the address noted below. Applications must be post marked by **November 16, 2018**. Mrs. Joanna Martyni-Orenowicz represents ASSIST in Poland. She will notify you regarding the results of your application.

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Application Fee

Candidates invited to take the ELTiS will be directed back to the ASSIST Poland page of the ASSIST website to pay an application fee of 100 zł. Please bring proof of payment to the ELTiS.

Interviews and English Language Testing

The strongest applicants will be offered opportunities to interview in January. We will contact 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.

In February, 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 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 program fee in Poland for the 2019/20 academic year is US \$7,500.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Poland to the U.S., health and accident insurance (ranging in cost between US \$1,375 and US \$2,700, depending on school placement), the medical examination, Visa and SEVIS costs, 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 Poland to complete their secondary education, or to apply to university. 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.