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American Secondary School Scholarship Competition
Information for Candidates and Families in Spain
For the Academic Year 2018/19

Important Dates

Application Deadline **Monday, January 15, 2018**
Interview Day Barcelona TBA • January 2018
Interview Day Zaragoza TBA • January 2018
Interview Day Madrid TBA • January 2018

How to Apply

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

www.assist-inc.org/spain

Please read *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. Students currently in Grade 10 are eligible to apply to ASSIST for placement in 11th grade. There are also some opportunities available to students entering the 10th and 12th grades and as postgraduate students.

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 received by **January 15, 2018**. Mr. George Semler and Ms. Katherine Semler represent ASSIST in Spain. They will notify you regarding the results of your application.

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Application Fee

An application fee of EUR 50 is due once the web-based application is complete. Please follow the instructions on the ASSIST Spain 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 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 full scholarship program fee in Spain for the 2018/19 academic year is US \$14,750.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Spain to the U.S., the return trip from the school to the port of entry at the end of the year, health and accident insurance, the



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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 – are offered to strong candidates. The ASSIST program fee in 2018/19 for partial scholarship students is US \$30,700. Tuitions at member boarding schools in 2017/18 range up to US \$62,500. In 2017/18, 82 students were awarded full scholarships, and 78 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 2018/19 academic year, all students must return to Spain 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@assist-inc.org. We wish you well in your application.