

# The St. Johnsbury Academy Student Travel Scholarship

In 2026, St. Johnsbury Academy will award three travel scholarships to a rising junior or senior to join an Academy off-campus experience in the following school year.

## Eligible Academy off campus-experiences:

- All Academy sponsored overseas trips and exchanges (Seniors may not participate in summer trips or exchanges.)
- All Academy Outing Club trips, foreign or domestic

## Student Qualifications:

- The applicant may not have previously participated in any trip or exchange similar to any of those listed above, whether as part of a group, individually or with family.
- The applicant must be a junior or senior in the 2026-2027 school year.
- The applicant must be in good social and academic standing (the latter requiring an overall average of  $\geq 75\%$  in classes for the current school year when the application is submitted).
- The applicant's family should qualify for free or reduced lunch.

## What is covered or not covered?

- Program costs, flights, lodging, and travel insurance are covered in full by this scholarship.
- Personal spending money is not covered, nor are other incidental expenses related to the trip including passport costs, phone cards, etc.

## How to apply:

**Step #1:** Respond to the prompt below either in a written essay (of less than 1000 words), a recorded visual essay, or a recorded video presentation (the latter two may not exceed 7 minutes in duration).

*As clearly as possible, please discuss why you wish to participate in an Academy off-campus experience (you need not specify the trip you hope to join, although you may) and how you hope to benefit from it. Explain why you are interested in travel and describe any long-term goals that your participation might help you to achieve.*

**Step #2:** Tell Mr. Ehrean the name of a teacher who will serve as your reference. Give the reference form to that teacher.

**Step #3:** Be sure to attend the informational meeting(s) of the trip(s) in which you're interested. Let the trip leader(s) know that you are applying for this scholarship.

**Step #4:** The applying student and a parent or guardian sign and return "The St. Johnsbury Academy Student Travel Scholarship Application and Agreement Form." The return date is May 4, 2026.

# The SJA Student Travel Scholarship Application and Agreement Form

I'm interested in the trip to \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants for The St. Johnsbury Academy Student Travel Scholarship and her/his parent(s) or guardian(s) must agree to and understand the following considerations and policies:

1. A scholarship recipient must abide by all St. Johnsbury Academy policies governing behavior and general expectations of its students participating in off-campus programs;
2. The scholarship only covers program costs, flights, lodging, and travel insurance. It does not cover the recipient's spending money, phone cards, or other incidental expenses related to the trip;
3. If the recipient is returned to St. Johnsbury Academy from an off-campus experience due to an infraction of Academy policy, the student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) are responsible for compensating the Academy for total trip costs as well as the costs incurred in returning the recipient home;
4. Finally, each recipient is required to submit a written summary of or reflection (preferably with photos) on their experiences on the trip and what they gained and/or learned from the experience. This is to be submitted to Tammi Cady in the Alumni Office no later than one month after the trip's return or before the end of the school year, whichever comes first.

Furthermore, we confirm the following by initializing these points:

\_\_\_\_\_ The applicant has not previously traveled abroad or participated in any trip or exchange similar to any of those listed above, whether as part of a group, individually, or with family;

\_\_\_\_\_ My family qualifies for free or reduced lunch (IF YOU DO NOT KNOW, LEAVE BLANK);

\_\_\_\_\_ I attest that in submitting this application, I am abiding by the spirit of this scholarship which is intended to benefit students whose families cannot reasonably afford this kind of experience and who have no other reasonable means of doing so.

**Parent/Guardian Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parental/Guardian Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student/Recipient Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student/Recipient Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application *with the essay* to Mr. Ehrean in the Colwell Center no later than May 4, 2026.**

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## Teacher's Recommendation

**DO NOT RETURN THIS TO THE STUDENT APPLICANT.**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This does NOT require a letter or narrative of any sort...unless you wish to explain something in greater detail. Please keep this simple. It should not be a burden to you!**

*The student named above is applying for a scholarship for a free trip abroad on an Academy sponsored trip. You are being asked to attest to this young person's suitability for such an experience. Please fill in the boxes below and (if needed) use the space on the reverse side of this sheet for a short narrative about the applicant. Please ensure that your comments remain confidential. The Colwell Center will certainly do the same. Do NOT return this form to the student/applicant. Please leave this form in Glenn Ehrean's mailbox. Thank you for your consideration.*

1 = Below Average

2 = Average

3 = Above Average

4 = Excellent

5 = Truly Exceptional

Please complete and submit this form to Glenn Ehrean by: **May 4, 2026**

Teacher's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Category	1	2	3	4	5
Academic Performance					
Maturity					
Interest in the world beyond the USA					
Empathy for others					
Initiative					
Character (integrity, dependability, commitment)					
Growth mindset					
Likelihood to grow from an overseas experience					
Perceived financial need (1 = little need; 5 = great need)					

*If needed, use the space on the reverse side for narrative comments.*