



2011 Financial Aid Application Intercultural Student Experiences

Dear Student:

Enclosed is an application packet for financial aid. To be considered for financial aid, **you must first be registered on an ISE program and then submit the financial aid forms** to the address above. Please read the following information carefully:

ELIGIBILITY:

1. You must be a student (no adults) and registered on an ISE program.
2. You must be a student in satisfactory academic standing.
3. You must be in financial need as verified by proper documents. (Note: Awards are not provided in cases where adjusted family income exceeds \$50,000.)
4. You must demonstrate evidence of motivation, and commitment to advance your second-language skills/interest in the culture you'll be visiting.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED:

1. **The ISE Financial Aid Application**, properly signed and dated;
2. At least one **ISE Financial Aid Recommendation**;
3. A **personal essay** (one page) explaining what you think it means to be a "student of the world".
4. A photocopy of your parents' last **Federal Income Tax Return** that shows their adjusted gross income; or other proof-of-income documents if no IRS filing was submitted.
5. A **school transcript** of your academic record.

Important! It is the responsibility of the applicant to assemble all these documents and submit them in the same envelope. ISE IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO TRACK DOWN MISSING MATERIALS.

DEADLINES TO BE MET:

All of the documents listed above **must be postmarked no later than November 30**. **Under no circumstances will incomplete or late applications be considered.**

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS:

The Director of Education will determine final financial aid awards in December. All applicants will be notified of the allocations by the end of December.

Award grants will be credited in January (spring program) or March (summer program). Maximum awards are limited to 35% of the program price. The range of financial aid allotments based on household income is posted on our website to help you with budgeting for your program.

www.isemn.org/registration/financial-aid.html

IMPORTANT! Pay your program price total less the amount of your confirmed award. You must be paid up to this amount by 60 days prior to your scheduled departure or your financial aid award may be withdrawn.

Applying for financial aid does not necessarily guarantee your receiving a grant. We recommend that you also seek additional resources on your own. Fundraising ideas are also available on our website.

Best wishes to you!

Tanya Gajewski
Director of Education



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Note:

Financial Aid Application, Recommendation Form and required documents must **arrive in the same envelope and postmarked no later than November 30 to be considered.**

For office use:
App___ Rcm___ Ess___ Tx___ Grd___

Section 1 - To be completed by applicant

Name _____ E-mail _____
Street _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
Price of Your ISE program \$ _____ Language studied _____ How many years? ____
I am traveling to (destination): _____ in spring summer
World language teacher who is organizing your ISE program _____
School he or she is teaching at _____ City _____ State _____
I have previously participated in an ISE program abroad Yes No Name of program & year _____

Section 2 - To be completed by parent or guardian

You must attach a copy of the page of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return that shows your adjusted gross income or your application will be considered incomplete.

If you were not required to file a 2009 income tax return, please state the reason why. You must attach documents to show **proof of income sources** (copy of pay stub, copy of unemployment check, etc).

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FOR 2009 _____

Number of dependent children in your household during 2009 tax year _____

Student lives with: ___Both parents ___One parent only ___Other: _____

Father's name _____ Occupation _____ Work Ph (_____) _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____ Work Ph (_____) _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

(Signature of parent/legal guardian) (Date)

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Section 3: To be completed by applicant

Indicate the percentage of your ISE program's cost that comes from the following sources: (for instance: 50% from parents, 50% from your work)

From: parents _____% your work _____% your savings _____% loan _____%

Other _____% Specify: _____

Have you ever traveled outside of the U.S.? No Yes, to _____

Have you participated in an ISE program before? No Yes, to _____ in _____ (year)

What income-generating work have you done to help make possible your participation in the ISE program?

What circumstances make you a candidate for financial aid? _____

What is your grade point average? _____

What grade did you receive in world language class last year? _____ This year? _____

Section 4: To be completed by the applicant

Attach your essay (one page) to this form explaining what you think it means to be a "student of the world".

Have an adult who knows you well (teacher, counselor, minister, employer, neighbor - but no relative) complete the enclosed Recommendation Form for you. Send all required Financial Aid Application materials directly to:

Tanya Gajewski, ISE Director of Education
11000 West 78th Street, #303, Minneapolis, MN 55344

Any student with incomplete materials or materials postmarked after November 30 will not be considered. All applicants will be notified in December of the Financial Aid Committee's decision.

The information I have given on this application is complete and accurate.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

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ISE FINANCIAL AID RECOMMENDATION

Please be specific. Awards are granted based on financial need.

Student's Name _____

School _____ City _____ State _____

Your name _____

Your address _____

In what capacity do you know the student? (teacher, minister, employer, etc.)

How long have you known the applicant?

Please comment on the student's interest in other cultures or languages _____

Why should this student be considered for financial aid? Be specific.

Date _____ Signature _____

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