

Want your student to travel abroad? Think you can't afford it?



Think again! The Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund (GELF) offers financial aid to 100% of students who need it.

## ***GELF FAQs***

### ***How should my child apply for GELF?***

There will be a financial aid supplement included at the back of your child's international trip application. Students should carefully read the instructions and fill out their portion of the application. There will also be a portion of the Financial Aid Supplement to be completed by the parent. Tax documentation will also be requested.

### ***Who reviews the financial information that I enclose on the supplement?***

The international trip coordinators for your child's program will not review the confidential financial aid information you provide. All financial aid applications are reviewed in confidence by the GELF board which is composed of administrators, teachers, the Global Programs Manager, and parents. Tax return information that you provide is not distributed to the GELF board at large; instead, the Global Programs Manager shares orally any numbers that are relevant for consideration.

### ***If my child applies for a February international travel program, when will we be notified of my child's financial aid award?***

Mid-November

### ***I haven't traveled much and don't have the tools to support my child through a travel program, even if we receive funds. Is there someone who can help?***

Yes, every GELF student receives a one-to-one faculty or staff mentor who will ensure they have the resources they need to be successful.

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***How large are GELF scholarships?***

GELF gives scholarships from 10% to 95% of trip cost depending on family income and extenuating circumstances.

***Why doesn't GELF give full scholarships?***

The GELF board believes that it is important for students and families to be invested in the travel abroad experience, and therefore expects students and families to contribute to the trip cost in some way.

Ms. Mandel can advise students in finding after-school jobs if appropriate.

***What is the income cutoff for families to receive GELF financial aid?***

Generally, \$100,000 is the maximum combined family income to be considered for a GELF scholarship. Note that we calculate income based on your Adjusted Gross Income as calculated on your most recent 10-40 tax returns. Other extenuating circumstances may make your family eligible for a scholarship even if your income exceeds \$100,000/year. Examples of extenuating circumstances include multiple minor or adult dependents in the family, higher than average medical care costs, college tuition costs for one or more dependents, multiple households in the case of separated parents, etc.

***My family likely won't qualify for GELF, but I still can't afford to send my child on an international trip. Are there resources for families like me?***

Depending on your specific circumstances, yes. Please contact Global Programs Manager Samantha Mandel at [mandels@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:mandels@newton.k12.ma.us) for assistance in being connected with resources.

***Can my child receive more than one GELF scholarship during their time at North or South?***

No. Every NPS student who qualifies is entitled to one GELF scholarship during their four years in high school.

***Is it possible to receive a rough idea of the size of award that my child might qualify for before the application deadline?***

Yes. Please contact Global Programs Manager Samantha Mandel at [Samantha\\_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:Samantha_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us) for an estimate. It is helpful if you can look up your Adjusted Gross Income number from your most recent 1040s beforehand.

***What happens if the GELF scholarship is not large enough to enable my child to travel?***

Newton North and South are committed to equal access for all students, and there are many resources available to students in addition to GELF. If your child finds themselves unable to travel after receiving their GELF award, please have them make an appointment to see GELF Manager

Ms. Mandel

[\(Samantha\\_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us\)](mailto:Samantha_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us) right away.

***Whom can I contact for further questions?***

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