

**Want your child 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

WHAT IS GELF?

GELF is a financial aid fund for Newton Public Schools international trips. It is a partner organization of the Newton Schools Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

HOW CAN MY CHILD ACCESS GELF FUNDS?

There will be a link to the financial aid supplement included at the back of your child's international trip application. Parents should carefully read the instructions and fill out the application. Tax documentation will also be requested.

WHO REVIEWS THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT I ENCLOSE IN 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 a few parents. Tax return information that you provide is not distributed to the GELF board at large; instead, the Global Programs Manager verbally shares any numbers that are relevant for consideration.

WHEN IS THE FINANCIAL AID SUPPLEMENT DUE, AND WHEN WILL WE BE NOTIFIED OF MY CHILD'S FINANCIAL AID AWARD?

The financial aid application should be completed by the due date for your child's trip application. Awards will be announced in mid-November for February trips and January or March for spring trips.

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.

HOW LARGE ARE GELF SCHOLARSHIPS?

GELF gives scholarships from 10% to (rarely) 100% of trip cost depending on family income and extenuating circumstances.

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 Adjusted Gross Income as calculated on a family's most recent 10-40 tax returns. Other extenuating circumstances may render a family eligible for a scholarship even if 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 for assistance in being connected with resources.

CAN MY CHILD RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE GELF SCHOLARSHIP DURING THEIR TIME AT NORTH OR SOUTH?

Only in very special circumstances. 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 mandels@newton.k12.ma.us. It is helpful if you can look up your Adjusted Gross Income number from your most recent 1040s before speaking with Samantha.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE GELF SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO ENABLE MY CHILD TO TRAVEL?

This would be an unusual scenario. 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 in the unlikely position of being unable to travel after receiving their GELF award, please have them make an appointment to see GELF Manager Samantha Mandel (mandels@newton.k12.ma.us) right away.

WHOM CAN I CONTACT FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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