

JENNIFER PRICE GLOBAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP FUND



Newton North and South High Schools 2015-2016

<http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Domain/1055>

MISSION:

We believe that all Newton students should have access to international learning experiences that foster critical 21st century skills. The Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund supports students who lack the financial means to take advantage of the experiences that Newton offers.

DESCRIPTION:

The Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund offers financial assistance for school-sponsored international programs to Newton high school students in good academic standing. Students interested in participating in any school-sponsored international programs are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Fund. The Fund was established in 2008 through private donations and is administered through the Robert B. Swett Fund at the Newton Schools Foundation.

N.B. A student may only receive one GELF scholarship. Those who have previously received funding are not eligible to apply again.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS:

Application forms are available in hard copy in the Main Office & World Language Offices at North and the Goodwin House Office at South, as well as directly from the program coordinators. They are also available online at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Domain/1055>. There are 2 application deadlines: November 2 and January 15. Applications must be turned in to Samantha Mandel's mailbox in the main office at your school.

The application consists of three parts: 1) a personal/contact information form; 2) a statement of financial need; 3) a personal statement. In addition, references submitted for the travel program application will be shared with the GELF committee. Student transcripts may also be considered.

The Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund Committee will review all applications. Most candidates will receive an in-person interview with members of the GELF committee. Applicants will be evaluated primarily on the basis of demonstrated need and their personal statement; other factors, including the applicant's academic record and references, will also be carefully considered. Priority will be given to students with little or no previous international travel. The size and number of awards in any given year may vary, but individual awards will be limited to a maximum of 70% of program costs.

If you would like help completing the application or have any questions, please contact Samantha Mandel at (617) 559-6400, ext. 454391 or Samantha_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us. You may also visit her office at 241F (Newton North) or Goodwin 6209 (Newton South).

Awards will be announced within one to two weeks of student interview completion. All recipients of GELF scholarships will be required to submit a two-page reflective essay about their international experience after their return. In addition, they may be asked share their experiences at GELF fundraising activities.

NOTE: In recent years, GELF awarded scholarships ranging from 10% to 70% of program costs, with an average grant of around 50%. The average annual income of families awarded some level of financial support has varied between \$54,000 and \$65,000. The committee understands that individual family circumstances vary, and will carefully consider each completed application. If you are unsure if you would qualify for funding, please contact Samantha Mandel at Samantha_mandel@newton.k12.ma.us.

Part I: Personal Information

Student Information:

Name: _____	Counselor: _____
Address: _____ _____	HR: _____ Year of Graduation: _____ Phone: _____
Email address: _____	
To which international program are you applying? _____	
Dates of program: _____	Total cost of program: _____
Do you hold a passport? _____	If yes, from what country? _____

Academic Information:

Are you currently in good academic standing (no grades of D, F, N or I)? _____ If not, please explain in a separate statement.	
Please list the name of two references at Newton North or South (teacher, administrator, counselor) who can attest to your abilities to meet the academic and social requirements of this trip. One of these references should be a teacher from the subject-area sponsoring the program.	
Name: _____	Position: _____
Name: _____	Position: _____
Please list any academic or extracurricular activities that are relevant to the trip to which you are applying: _____	

Previous travel experience:

Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? _____ If yes, please list places visited, dates of travel and purpose of travel: _____

Part II: Financial Information

Note: The information you provide on this form will be kept confidential and shared only with the Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund award committee. Please also note that, in order to empower students to create their own opportunities, the maximum amount of funding provided by GELF is 70% of the total cost of the program. Students and their families are both expected to contribute to the cost of this program, for a total minimum contribution of 30% of the program cost. If need be, we can advise students on finding employment.

A. Current Financial Situation (to be completed by a parent):

With whom does the student currently live? _____

Has the student ever been eligible to receive free or reduced lunch? ___ free ___ reduced

Estimated total family income, including non-custodial parent income: \$ _____

Cost of program: \$ _____

1) Amount that the student will allocate to the cost of the program: \$ _____

2) Amount that the family will allocate to the cost of the program: \$ _____

Note that, as stated above, 1) and 2) must add up to at least 30% of the trip cost. GELF will not cover more than 70% of the cost of a program.

Student's plans for earning funds to cover the student/family contribution:

Please attach a copy of your family's most recent federal income tax return FORM 1040. Note that income tax forms are required of non-custodial parents and of any adult with a custodial relationship to the student.

Part III: Personal Statement (to be completed by student):

The Jennifer Price Global Education Leadership Fund seeks to support students with demonstrated financial need in the continued development of their leadership and ambassadorial skills. The first part of the application addressed your financial need. In a one-page personal statement, you will address the qualities that make you a good candidate for this program. This statement will be essential to the committee in the evaluation of your application.

Please address all of the following questions in your statement:

- Why are you interested in participating in this particular international program?
- What leadership or ambassadorial qualities have you demonstrated in your school and/or community that would enable you to contribute positively to the program?
- How would your participation in this program develop your personal growth as well as leadership skills?

Your statement must be typed and attached to the application.