

Naomi Thomsen Scholarship Application

Year of Travel: **2020**

Please carefully read the information below before completing the application.

The Naomi Thomsen Scholarship was established in 2004 from the generous contributions of family and friends of Naomi Thomsen, language teachers and supporters of international friendships. Naomi Thomsen founded Language & Friendship in 1988 and dedicated her entire life to promoting international friendships through language and cultural studies.

A few partial scholarships (of \$750 to \$1000 each) as well as several smaller merit scholarships are awarded each year. The amount of the scholarship will be applied at the time that the final balance payment is due.

Scholarship eligibility is based upon the following criteria:

- Enrollment (**complete program application with deposit**) in a Language & Friendship program which includes a family stay
- Financial limitations that make participation doubtful without aid
- At least a B average in a foreign language class and submission of most recent transcript
- Recommendation of a language teacher and one other person (no family members/relatives) acquainted with the applicant's commitment to language and cultural studies
- **Students** (not teachers) must submit complete scholarship materials on time. *Incomplete applications will not be eligible.*

*Candidates must postmark their completed application materials to the Language & Friendship office **on or before Friday, November 8.***

Candidates will be notified in early December whether or not they are scholarship recipients.

Payment schedule: Applicants are expected to make payments according to schedule. Any scholarship awards are deducted from the final payment.

Cancellation fees: Cancellation fees will be adjusted* should a participant choose to cancel upon notification that a scholarship is not granted. (Remember that this application is for a partial scholarship as indicated above.)

*Adjusted (reduced) cancellation fees, if cancellation notice is received by Dec. 20:

*Spring programs - \$200 cancel fee

*Summer Programs - \$150 cancel fee



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<input type="checkbox"/> PM _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 2REF _____
<input type="checkbox"/> ENRL _____	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANS _____
<input type="checkbox"/> ESS _____	<input type="checkbox"/> TAX _____
LNG: _____	CTRY: _____

Please complete both sides of the application as accurately as possible.

I. TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Full Name (print) _____ Grade: _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Estimated Price of Program Abroad _____ (see front page of Enrollment Booklet)

II. TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Status of parents: married divorced separated single widowed remarried

FAMILY:

NAMES of CHILDREN	AGE	PLEASE WRITE YES or NO FOR EACH ITEM PER CHILD:			
		Living at Home (yes/no)	In College (yes/no)	Working (yes/no)	Dependent (yes/no)

NAMES OF PARENTS, STEP-PARENTS, OR GUARDIANS	Relationship to Applicant	Occupation & Employer	Taxable Income 2018 <i>1040: Line 43</i> <i>1040A: Line 27</i>	Anticipated Income 2019

Please explain changes or anticipated changes in family status or family situation: _____

Explain any significant differences in anticipated income: _____

Does your family have any college costs or extraordinary medical bills? yes no

If yes, please explain: _____

III. PAYMENT PLAN (To be complete by applicant and parent/guardian)

Please list all sources that you plan to use to pay for this program abroad:

		Details / Explanation
	\$ _____	Payment submitted with application
Parental Contribution	\$ _____	_____
Applicant's savings	\$ _____	_____
Applicant's part-time job	\$ _____	_____
Fundraising	\$ _____	_____
Fundraising	\$ _____	_____
Other*: _____	\$ _____	_____
Other*: _____	\$ _____	_____
Other*: _____	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL	\$ _____	

** If you have any other sources of contributions for this program other than yourself and your parents (i.e. relatives, trust account, friends, sponsorships from local organizations, etc.), please list them under "other."*

I/We have answered the above questions honestly and to the best of our knowledge.

_____	_____
<i>Applicant's signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____
<i>Parent/guardian's signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Note: Failure to submit proper documentation with this application may result in a disqualification of receiving a scholarship. Read the information on the next page and use the checklist below to keep track of what you have.

Completed Application Checklist:

- ___ This form, complete, and signed by student and parent/guardian
- ___ Letter / Essay
- ___ Recommendation #1 *in sealed envelope*
- ___ Recommendation #2 *in sealed envelope*
- ___ Copy of **complete** transcript
- ___ Copy of parent/guardian tax returns

Submit your COMPLETE application in ONE envelope postmarked on/before November 8, 2019 to:
Language & Friendship
8011 34th Avenue South, Suite 250
Bloomington, MN 55425

Requirements for Scholarship Application:

I. **LETTER. Write a letter to the scholarship committee.**

Format:

500 words or less

Font: Times 12

Double Space

Include the following information:

- Start your letter with a proper greeting
- Tell us about yourself
- Explain why you are participating in the program
- Explain why you feel you should receive a scholarship
- Explain how this experience will impact your life / your future
- Close your letter with appropriate leave-taking and your signature

II. **RECOMMENDATIONS. Submit TWO letters of recommendation.**

1. Your current World Language teacher.

If your current teacher does not know you very well, please ask your former World Language teacher to give a recommendation IN ADDITION to your current World Language teacher. These two letters will count as one recommendation.

2. Someone, other than a relative, who knows you well, such as a counselor, coach, club advisor, pastor, employer, etc. and who is acquainted with your commitment to language and culture.

Instruct your references **to return their letter of recommendation to you:**

- in a sealed envelope
- with reference's signature written across the seal (*recommendations that are not in sealed envelopes will impact your ability to receive a scholarship*)
- in time for you to include it in your package to send to L&F

III. **TRANSCRIPT:**

High School and Middle School students: **Request official copies from a school counselor.**

Submit a copy of your most recent and complete transcript with **grades** and **GPA**.

We will not accept any online summary of grades.

Elementary students: Submit your most recent report card / transcript.

IV. **TAX RETURNS:**

Submit a copy of **each** parent/guardian's 2018 Federal Income Tax return (IRS Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ). *We only need the pages associated with the above forms, generally these are the first two pages. Please do not submit any other tax forms.*

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR TAX DOCUMENTS, PLEASE BLACK OUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS. YOUR PRIVACY IS IMPORTANT. THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE SHREDDED AFTER THE COMMITTEE MEETS.