



DENVER CENTER FOR  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
FOUNDATION

# ORIENTATION

The Denver Center for International Studies Foundation's **mission** is to raise money for scholarships and grants so that **all students can engage in educational travel**.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE STARTING THE APPLICATION?

1. **VIDEO.** You need to watch this short video to get insight and inspired: <https://youtu.be/Tq0Gp9xTJqU>
2. **TRANSCRIPT.** You'll be required to attach your **official transcript** (PDF or image) and indicate your **cumulative GPA**. A GPA of 2.5 or above is required to apply.
3. **TRIP DETAILS/COSTS.** You will need to know all about your trip. The **costs, fundraising goals, dates and details**. A budget worksheet will need to be filled out and saved as a PDF or image as a part of the application. Find it here: <https://www.dcisfoundation.org/studentscholarships>
4. **RECOMMENDATIONS.** You need to ask **two people** (one teacher and one employer, or two teachers) for their **recommendation**. Note: No recommendations can be from a family member. There's no letter now, it's a form. Find it here: <https://www.dcisfoundation.org/studentscholarships>
5. **ESSAY.** You will need to write an **essay** (one page, double-spaced, 12 pt.; make sure you proofread and include your name and date). Choose **one** of these essay prompts:  
#1: What expectations, hopes, or dreams do you have for this trip? How would receiving a scholarship impact your goals for the future?  
#2: Please write about the challenges you have faced as a student or family member that has impacted how you view your educational travel opportunity.
6. **ASSESSMENT.** All areas of the application are **scored objectively**. Extra consideration is given to home-stay, service learning, and language-learning goals. Please **proofread** your application carefully. Remember, student can only receive one "individual" scholarship while at DCIS.
7. **INTERVIEW.** After you have submitted the application, you will be contacted via email for an **in-person interview**. Please review our website to help prepare. <https://www.dcisfoundation.org/>
8. **TIMING.** All deadlines listed on the website are **final**. Watch your **email** for additional dates.
9. **QUESTIONS.** All questions should be directed to your school's **travel directors**.

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