

American Secondary School Scholarship Competition
Information for Candidates and Families in Australia
For the Academic Year 2012/13

Important Dates

Application Deadline	Monday, October 17, 2011
Brisbane interviews	Monday, October 31, 2011
Sydney interviews	Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Melbourne interviews	Wednesday and Thursday, November 2-3, 2011

Application Materials

Please read *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship.

To receive application materials, please contact:

Victoria/Southern States	Dr. Alan Hutchison	ahutchison@ivanhoegirls.vic.edu.au
New South Wales	Dr. Peter Stiles	p.stiles@bigpond.net.au
Queensland	Mr. James Seaha	jseaha@bggs.qld.edu.au

Please complete all application materials, make a full copy of all documents, and mail the original and a copy to the address noted below. Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, October 17, 2011**.

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Interviews and Decisions

After receiving applications, decisions will be made regarding those students selected to be interviewed. Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Stiles or Mr. Seaha will contact those selected, according to the regions noted above.

In December 2011, the American interviewers will select the candidates to whom scholarships will be offered. We will communicate our decisions to all students who were interviewed. Candidates selected for scholarships will be asked to make an immediate decision to accept the scholarship and must bind this decision with a small deposit.

Family Responsibilities

As with all international exchange programs, a fee is charged to all participants. The ASSIST full scholarship program fee for full scholarship recipients in Australia for the 2012/13 academic year is US \$9,300.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Australia to the U.S., the return trip from the school to the port of entry at the end of the year, health and accident insurance, the medical examination, spending money (about US \$150/month), and any activity fees and expenses (such as books and supplies) charged by the school.

Each year, ASSIST receives many more applications from qualified students than we have full scholarships to offer. In these instances, partial scholarships – approximately half of the school tuition – may be offered to candidates. The ASSIST program fee in 2012/13 for partial scholarship students is US \$25,900. Tuitions at member boarding schools on 2011/12 range up to US \$50,500. In 2011/12, 87 students were awarded full scholarships, and 60 students were awarded partial scholarships.