

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

Important Dates

Application Deadline	Wednesday, November 30, 2011
Testing Days	Friday/Saturday, December 9/10, 2011
Interview Day	TBA • January 2012

Application Materials

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

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 post marked by **November 30, 2011**. Those post-marked after this date will not be considered. Ms. Katarina Krizková represents ASSIST in Austria and Slovakia and will notify you regarding the results of your application.

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Each candidate pays an application fee when the paperwork is submitted. The application fee is 50 EUR. Please transfer the fee to the following bank account:

Commerzbank Düsseldorf,
Kto.-Nr. 202026101, BLZ 300 400 00
IBAN DE27 3004 0000 0202 0261 01, BIC COBADEFFXXX

Interviews and English Language Testing

After receiving applications, decisions will be made regarding those students selected to be interviewed. Just after the first of the year, we will send a letter to those who will be interviewed, noting the date and time of your interview and English language testing. The standardized institutional SLEP test will measure the candidates' knowledge of the English language. Candidates will also be asked to handwrite an essay on a topic that will be assigned after the test.

By the middle of February, the interviewers will meet to 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 in Austria for the 2012/13 academic year is US \$10,950.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Austria 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. In 2011/12, 86 students were awarded full scholarships, and 60 students were awarded partial scholarships.