

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

Important Dates

Application Deadline	Friday, November 25, 2011
Testing Days	To Be Determined
Information Sessions	Thursday, October 27, 2011
Interview Day	TBA • January 2012

Application Process

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 reach the address noted below – *applications should not be sent to our offices in the United States*. Applications must be post marked by Friday, November 25, 2011, and those post marked after this date will not be considered.

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Application Fee

An application fee of 15 USD in cash is collected upon arrival for the Test of English Language Proficiency.

Test of English Language Proficiency

As part of the evaluation, each candidate will be invited to Budapest on DATE for two tests. First, each student will sit for an English language proficiency test. Second, each candidate will write an essay – the topic is assigned, and no advanced preparation is allowed.

Interviews

After receiving the results of the English language and essay tests, and after reading the applications, the competition committee will review the credentials of all candidates. Each candidate will be notified by e-mail if he or she has been offered an interview. Interviews will be held in January 2012 in Budapest. Decisions are released to all candidates by the middle of February.

Family Responsibilities

Each successful candidate will be offered a full scholarship at an independent school. The scholarship is meant to cover tuition, room and board at a boarding school or tuition and a volunteer host family at a day school. Tuitions at member boarding schools range up to US \$50,500 this year.

Through the generosity of committed donors, funds have also been secured to cover most of the costs of the overseas flight, health insurance and spending money. The intention of our program is that talented students, regardless of their family's income, can apply to become exchange students.

In Hungary, we also ask that families contribute US \$3,750 toward the cost of funding the exchange year of their son or daughter. This money helps to underwrite the expenses noted above, an orientation upon arrival in the U.S., and ongoing support from ASSIST throughout the year. Families must also pay expenses associated with the interview process, visa application, and any expenses incurred in excess of the allowance provided. In extreme circumstances, all or part of the family fee may be waived.

Purposes of the Scholarships

These scholarships are offered for several important purposes. First, the student gains tremendously and grows in significant ways. Second, we believe that international peace and friendship are advanced when people from different cultures spend significant amounts of time living and learning with one another. Third, the presence of international students greatly enriches the American schools in which they study.

**For these reasons, all scholarships offered are for one year.** At the conclusion of the 2012/13 academic year, all students must return to Hungary to continue their education, and they must remain in their home country for one year. We hope over the following years that you will share what you have learned with friends, family and fellow students.



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#### Further Study

After spending a year at home, candidates may return to the United States for college or university study. A growing number of our students have taken this route and earned generous scholarships. ASSIST and the independent school attended in the U.S. will support the application with recommendations and advice.

#### Questions

If you have questions about any aspect of this scholarship competition, please contact Robert Stanley: [bob@assist-inc.org](mailto:bob@assist-inc.org). We wish you well in your application.