

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

Important Dates

Application Deadline	Saturday, November 26, 2011
Testing Days	Saturday, December 17, 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 the address noted below – *applications should not be sent to our offices in the United States*. Applications must be post marked by Saturday, November 26, 2011, and those post marked after this date will not be considered.

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Application Fee

An application fee of 40 litas must be wired in advance of submitting the application. Please transfer the application fee to the bank noted below, and mail a copy of the bank slip with your application paperwork (above).

The Kazickas Family Foundation
SEB Vilniaus Bankas (bank code 70440)
account No LT17 7044 0600 0136 8753

Test of English Language Proficiency

As part of the evaluation, each candidate will be invited on Saturday, December 17, 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 Vilnius. 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 in 2011/12.

Through the generosity of the Kazickas Family Foundation and other 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 Lithuania, we also ask that families contribute US \$3,500 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.