

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

Important Dates

Application Deadline Friday, January 13, 2012
Interview Day TBA • January 2012

Application Materials

Please read the document entitled *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 **January 13, 2012**. Ms. Kristina Arheden represents ASSIST in Sweden, assisted by Ms. Miriam Istner-Byman, and they will notify you regarding the results of your application.

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Interviews and English Language Testing

After receiving applications, decisions will be made regarding those students selected to be interviewed. We will contact those who will be interviewed, noting the date and time of your interview and English language testing. The standardized 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 Sweden for the 2012/13 academic year is US \$10,950.

In addition to the fee, families are responsible for round-trip airfare expenses from Sweden 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.