## American Secondary School Scholarship Competition

**Information for Candidates and Families in Australia**

**For the Academic Year 2018/19**

### Important events

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| Application deadline| Monday, October 9, 2017 | Kristen Sullivan, Program Coordinator ASSIST  
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| Melbourne interviews| Oct/Nov     | Dr. Alan Hutchison  
Deputy Principal  
Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar School  
ahutchison@ivanhoegirls.vic.edu.au |
| Brisbane interviews| Oct/Nov     | Mr. James Seaha  
Director of Post Secondary Planning (Retired)  
Brisbane Girls Grammar School  
ljseaha@optusnet.com.au |
| Sydney interviews   | Oct/Nov     | Dr. Peter Stiles  
Lecturer and Academic Consultant  
The Wesley Institute  
p.stiles@bigpond.net.au |
| Perth interviews    | Oct/Nov     | Mrs. Peta Wise  
Humanities and Social Science Teacher  
Wesley College  
peta.wise@wesley.wa.edu.au |

### How to Apply

Complete instructions and application materials are available online for all candidates:

[www.assist-inc.org/australia](http://www.assist-inc.org/australia)

Please read the *Application Overview* for a complete understanding of how to apply for an ASSIST scholarship. Australian students in the second half of Year 10 are eligible to apply to ASSIST for placement in the 11th grade.

Please complete all application materials, make a full copy of all documents, and mail the original and a copy to the applicable address noted below. Applications must be received by **October 9, 2017**.

### Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania

- **Dr. Alan Hutchison**  
  Deputy Principal  
  Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School  
  123 Marshall Street  
  Ivanhoe VIC 3079

### New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory

- **Dr. Peter Stiles**  
  Lecturer and Academic Consultant  
  The Wesley Institute  
  5 Mary Street  
  PO Box 534  
  Drummoyne NSW 2047

### Queensland

- **Mr. James Seaha**  
  1Pevny Street  
  Salisbury QLD 4107

### Western Australia

- **Mrs. Peta Wise**  
  Humanities & Social Science Teacher  
  Wesley College  
  P.O. Box 149  
  South Perth WA 6151
Interviews and Decisions
After receiving applications, we will designate finalists to be interviewed. Dr. Hutchison, Dr. Stiles, Mr. Seaha or Mrs. Wise will contact those selected, according to the regions noted above.

In December 2017, 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.

Program Costs
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 2018/19 academic year is US $13,750.

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 in the spring, 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 2018/19 for partial scholarship students is US $30,700. Tuitions at member boarding schools in 2017/18 range up to US $62,500. In 2017/18, 82 students were awarded full scholarships, and 78 students were awarded partial scholarships.

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 2018/19 academic year, all students must return to Australia 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.

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 Kristen Sullivan: Kristen@assist-inc.org. We wish you well in your application.