



OXBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Mailing Address for all completed Scholarship Applications/Materials:

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A. GENERAL CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Each year we offer a number of competitive scholarships for our programs. Sponsored by the Foundation for International Education, they are open to all students worldwide currently in grades 8-11 who have not participated in one of our programs in the past. Admission on scholarship is highly selective. Our entire field of applicants is strong, and the winners truly extraordinary. We do not discourage you from applying, but please keep in mind that the competition is formidable and your chances of winning are numerically quite slim.

The number of scholarships awarded varies greatly from year to year in accordance with available funding. In a typical year, we receive between 300 and 400 scholarship applications, of which 10%-15% win funding. In any given year, we award a minimum of 40 scholarships.

All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of *both* demonstrated financial need and academic excellence. Other considerations will include extracurricular accomplishments, community service, creativity, character, and the ability to contribute to the programs in the broadest possible sense. In essence, we are looking for students who will bring fine minds, diverse experiences and friendly personalities to the student body. **Only students with proven financial need are eligible for our scholarships. We cannot allow students to submit applications to both our regular and scholarship applicant pools at the same time.**

B. WHAT A SCHOLARSHIP COVERS & APPLICATION DETAILS

Depending on available funding, scholarships may cover some or all of a student's program fees.

Full scholarships cover all program fees, including tuition, lab fees (if applicable), classroom materials, transportation to and from local airports at the beginning and conclusion of the program, guest lectures, workshops, accommodation in a residence room, and two meals daily, as well as admission fees for any program-related field trips and activities. The student is responsible for his or her airfare, lunch daily, and spending money for personal needs.

The required application deposit of \$1050 is **automatically waived** for scholarship applicants. Application materials *cannot be accepted* if faxed or emailed. All scholarship applicants will be notified of the scholarship committee's decision **within three weeks of the respective application deadline date** (see below), at the very latest.

Applications must be RECEIVED by our office on or before the following deadlines. Late applications will **not** be considered, regardless of the postmark date.

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| Friday, February 26, 2010: | The Cambridge Tradition, The Oxford Tradition |
| Friday, March 5, 2010: | L'Académie de Paris, L'Académie de France,
La Academia de España, La Escuela Preparatoria de Barcelona |
| Friday, March 12, 2010: | The Oxford Prep Experience, The Cambridge Prep Experience |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 1-800-828-8349 or 212-932-3049, or send an email to info@oxbridgeprograms.com.

C. OXBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIPS 2010

Below are descriptions of the scholarships we offer. You may only apply to **one** program, but you can apply for multiple scholarships within that program. Students who feel they have a legitimate reason to apply to more than one program may do so by filling out a separate application form, writing a separate personal statement, and providing a complete additional set of application materials.

Students applying to our programs in France will, upon admission, be awarded a place in either l'Académie de Paris or l'Académie de France at the discretion of our scholarship committee.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS: The competition is open to students who have displayed truly outstanding academic achievement and an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people. There is no GPA requirement for this scholarship, but we expect applicants to be among the top students in their school and very well rounded and able individuals.

- The Oxford Tradition (current 10th -11th graders)
 - The Cambridge Tradition (current 10th -11th graders)
 - The Oxford Prep Experience (current 8th-9th graders)
 - The Cambridge Prep Experience (current 8th-9th graders)
 - L'Académie de Paris/L'Académie de France (current 9th -11th graders)
 - La Academia de España (current 10th-11th graders)
 - La Escuela Preparatoria de Barcelona (current 8th-9th graders)
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AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS: The competition is open to students from an African-American background. All applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people.

- The Oxford Tradition (current 10th -11th graders)
 - The Cambridge Tradition (current 10th -11th graders)
 - The Oxford Prep Experience (current 8th-9th graders)
 - The Cambridge Prep Experience (current 8th-9th graders)
 - L'Académie de Paris/L'Académie de France (current 9th-11th graders)
 - La Academia de España (current 10th-11th graders)
 - La Escuela Preparatoria de Barcelona (current 8th-9th graders)
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THE SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP: The competition is open to students who have displayed outstanding achievement in their study of science and who possess an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people. Emphasis is placed on both performance in the classroom and the student's interest in scientific subjects in general. *Applicants must have a minimum of one year of study in science (i.e., one year by the end of the academic year 2008-2009), be currently enrolled in a science course at school, and submit a letter of recommendation from a science teacher in addition to the standard scholarship application. The winner must enroll in a science course as his/her Major subject.*

- The Cambridge Prep Experience (current 8th -9th graders)
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C. OXBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SCHOLARSHIPS 2010 (cont.)

THE CLASSICS SCHOLARSHIP: The competition is open to students who have displayed outstanding achievement in their study of Latin or Greek and who possess an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people. Emphasis is placed on both performance in the classroom and the student's interest in classical studies in general. *Applicants must have a minimum of one year of study in Latin (i.e., one year by the end of the academic year 2008-2009), be currently enrolled in Latin or Greek at school, and submit a letter of recommendation from their Latin or Greek teacher in addition to the standard scholarship application. The winner must enroll in Latin: Poetry and Language as his/her Major subject and either Classical Greece: Heroes and History or Ancient Civilizations as his/her Minor.*

- The Cambridge Tradition (current 10th -11th graders)
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THE FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP: The competition is open to students who have displayed outstanding achievement in their study of the French language and who possess an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people. Emphasis is placed on both performance in the classroom and the applicant's interest in French culture in general. *Applicants must submit one recommendation from a French teacher and one piece of written work in French in addition to the standard scholarship application. The winner must enroll in one of our French immersion courses as his/her Major subject. Students granted a French Language Scholarship are awarded a place in either Paris or Montpellier at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.*

- L'Académie de Paris/ L'Académie de France (current 9th -11th graders)
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THE SPANISH LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP: The competition is open to students who have displayed outstanding achievement in their study of the Spanish language and who possess an ability to contribute to our program as both scholars and people. Emphasis is placed on both performance in the classroom and the applicant's interest in Spanish culture in general. *Applicants must submit one recommendation from a Spanish teacher and one piece of written work in Spanish in addition to the standard scholarship application. The winner must enroll in one of our Spanish immersion courses as his/her Major subject.*

- La Academia de España (current 10th-11th graders) • La Escuela Preparatoria de Barcelona (current 8th-9th graders)
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D. CHECK-LIST OF REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

All scholarship applicants must submit the following materials:

- A completed application form (pages 5-7 in this packet).
- An official document that specifically states the family's household income, such as a 1040, W-2 or 1099. Include information for both parents if the student comes from a two-parent household. If the parents are divorced, please include financial information for both parents, and/or documentation that lists child support received, if any. Applicants should feel free to submit a letter that details the family's financial commitments if they feel their income information is not sufficient to explain their family's financial situation. If this requirement cannot be met, the application will not be eligible for consideration. All financial information will, of course, be kept in strictest confidence and destroyed upon completion of the scholarship competition.
- For students who attend private or parochial school: If the student receives financial aid from his/her school, please submit a letter from the school (on school letterhead) stating the exact amount of the award.
- A transcript or report card that includes grades from the most recently completed semester, plus the previous year. Official, unofficial, or photocopied versions are all equally acceptable.
- A minimum of **two** letters of recommendation from teachers or counselors attesting to the student's academic and personal strengths.
- A 500-word statement from the student describing his/her particular interest in the program, what he/she thinks he/she might contribute, why he/she wishes to study his/her selected subjects, and his/her long-term educational goals. Include name, city and state (or country, if other than the US or Canada) on the top right-hand corner and include *three copies* of the personal statement with your application.
- A copy or example of **one** piece of representative work, preferably one that has already been submitted for a class at school. This typically takes the form of an academic essay or a written project or presentation. Where possible and/or relevant, we especially welcome submissions which pertain to the student's proposed Major course of study. *However*, if applicants seek to study subjects over the summer in which they have no prior experience, they do not need to submit work related to that field.

THE SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP only (in addition to the materials listed above):

- A letter of nomination from the applicant's science teacher.
- 250 words on what you consider to be the most pressing scientific issue of our time and why.

THE CLASSICS SCHOLARSHIP only (in addition to the materials listed above):

- A letter of nomination from the applicant's Latin and/or Greek teacher.
- An example of written work in Latin or Greek.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP only (in addition to the materials listed above):

- A letter of nomination from the applicant's French teacher.
- An example of written work in French. This should be a sample of prose, as opposed to a marked school test or Question & Answer format exam.

THE SPANISH LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP only (in addition to the materials listed above):

- A letter of nomination from the applicant's Spanish teacher.
- An example of written work in Spanish. This should be a sample of prose, as opposed to a marked school test or Question & Answer format exam.

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I. PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

PROGRAM

Please check the box next to the program for which you would like to be considered. **You may only apply to one program. Students applying for a program in France will be placed in either l'Académie de Paris or l'Académie de France at the discretion of the scholarship committee.**

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Please select the scholarship(s) for which you would like to be considered. **You may apply to more than one scholarship** as long as you meet the criteria stated on pages 2 and 3 of this packet.

- Academic Achievement Scholarship
- African-American Scholarship
- Science Scholarship (Cambridge Prep Experience only)
- Classics Scholarship (Cambridge Tradition only)
- Spanish Language Scholarship (La Academia de España and La Escuela Preparatoria de Barcelona only)
- French Language Scholarship (L'Académie de Paris and L'Académie de France only)

II. STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME: First Middle Last Male Female

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE / PROVINCE/COUNTRY ZIP / POSTAL CODE

() TELEPHONE E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT IN CAPITALS) DATE OF BIRTH: Month Day Year

PLACE OF BIRTH CITIZENSHIP

FATHER'S TITLE FATHER'S NAME FATHER'S PROFESSION E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT IN CAPS)

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MOTHER'S TITLE MOTHER'S NAME MOTHER'S PROFESSION E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT IN CAPS)

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() EMERGENCY CONTACT (OTHER THAN PARENTS) TELEPHONE NUMBER

PLEASE LIST YOUR SIBLINGS AND THEIR GRADE/YEAR IN SCHOOL

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IV. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

CURRENT SCHOOL	CURRENT GRADE LEVEL	()
		SCHOOL TELEPHONE

SCHOOL ADDRESS	CITY	STATE/PROVINCE	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from school? Yes No **If yes, please explain in your personal statement.**

Please provide the names and telephone numbers of two teachers who will be sending letters of recommendation on your behalf. If you are applying for a Science, Classics, French, or Spanish scholarship, please also provide this information for your teacher of the relevant subject.

NAME OF TEACHER / COUNSELOR	SUBJECT	EMAIL (PLEASE PRINT)	()
			TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME OF TEACHER / COUNSELOR	SUBJECT	EMAIL (PLEASE PRINT)	()
			TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME OF LANGUAGE/SCIENCE TEACHER	LANGUAGE/SCIENCE	EMAIL (PLEASE PRINT)	()
			TELEPHONE NUMBER

V. COURSE SELECTIONS

Please list your course selections in the area below. You may only apply to one program. Please list only one Major and one Minor choice. If you are applying for subject-specific scholarships (Science, Classics, French Language or Spanish Language), remember to list course choices that pertain to those awards. If you are applying for a French Language scholarship, please pick one Major and Minor from Paris and one Major and Minor from Montpellier.

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
MAJOR	_____	_____
MINOR	_____	_____

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VII. OTHER BACKGROUND

Have you traveled abroad before? Yes No If yes, please describe briefly below:

Have you gone away to a camp or summer program before? Yes No If yes, please describe briefly below:

Have you ever held a summer or part-time job? Yes No If yes, please describe briefly below:

Have you attended one of our programs before? Yes No

VIII. FOR OUR RECORDS

How did you hear about **Oxbridge Academic Programs**? (Please check all that apply.)

Former Student – Name? _____ Poster – Where? _____

Teacher/Counselor – Name? _____ Newspaper Ad – Where? _____

School Visit – When? _____ Website – Which? _____

Open House Reception – When? Where? _____ Informational email – From whom? _____

Brochure in the mail – When? _____ Other – Please Specify _____

SIGNATURES

My parents and I have read and understood the information provided in the **Student Life** and **Fees & Details** section of the brochure or website. We understand that failure to respect the program rules will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the program **at our expense with no refund**.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

OXBRIDGE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ALTERNATE SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

As our scholarship program is especially competitive, we suggest that you simultaneously pursue other avenues of assistance in the event that you are not selected to receive a scholarship from Oxbridge Academic Programs. We recommend starting the application process for these other awards immediately as their scholarship programs might well be concluded by the time our decisions are announced. The following suggestions are intended to serve as a basic provisional guide to sources of financial assistance for the summer of 2010.

1. One of the first places to visit is your school counseling center or guidance office. Often counselors and advisors receive information during the academic year about a wide variety of financial aid and scholarship possibilities. In some cases, there are scholarships for which the school can nominate students; in others students must apply independently. Regardless, counselors should be able to present various alternatives to any student, whether based purely on merit, local residency or financial need.
2. Another potential source of funding is your local community and its numerous societies and organizations, not to mention companies. Some examples include:
 - Your local branch of the Rotary, Lions, Elks, Kiwanis, or similar organizations
 - the Parents & Teachers Association at school
 - local medical research or pharmaceutical companies (especially if you are interested in science-oriented subjects)
 - banks and insurance companies - although larger financial institutions often run nationwide scholarships, both big and small companies may offer more localized competitions as well
 - companies involved in education in one form or another - these could include suppliers of educational equipment, county and statewide educational associations, etc.
 - local youth organizations and foundations
 - educational publications and web sites
3. There are also books in your local library or bookstores that list scholarships available to high school students. The majority of guides focus on scholarship opportunities for college, but the following may prove helpful:
 - *The Scholarship Scouting Report: An Insider's Guide to America's Best Scholarships* (Ben Kaplan)
 - *Let's Talk About Scholarships: A Scholarship Reference Guide for High School Students Only* (The Scholarship Lady Staff)
 - *Chronicle Financial Aid Guide 2009-2010: Scholarships and Loans for High School Students, College Undergraduates, Graduates, and Adult Learners* (Chronicle Guidance Publications)
4. The internet is also a good resource for funding opportunities. Websites such as <http://www.highscholarships.com/> can provide useful information for high school students in need of scholarships.

BEST OF LUCK!