Road Scholar Lifelong Learning Scholarship Information

By increasing the social, educational and economic diversity of Road Scholar’s participant group, Scholarships help to enrich the Road Scholar experience for all participants.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Valid for a program in the United States.
- Scholarship recipients must be at least 50 years of age and live in the United States.
- Recipients may receive only one award every two years.
- The scholarship is an $900 maximum credit toward the program cost, which can be applied to a Road Scholar program that does not cost more than $1,400. Most scholarships are partial, with the recipient paying a $100 deposit regardless of the program cost. Road Scholar Scholarship recipients are expected to pay the difference in the cost of the program, less their scholarship amount up to a $1,400 maximum.
- Scholarships are designed for adults 50+ who have limited incomes and are financially unable to attend Road Scholar programs. Special financial/personal situations will be considered on a case by case basis.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING FOR AND ENROLLING WITH A SCHOLARSHIP

- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
- You must submit the program number and date of your United States program with your scholarship application. The program cost cannot exceed $1,400. No exceptions.
- Your scholarship award must be applied directly to a specific program and cannot be held for a program to be selected in the future.
- If you cancel from a program, standard fees apply and your scholarship will become void. If Road Scholar must cancel a program, the scholarship can be transferred to another program without fees.
- Scholarships may be transferred to another program, subject to standard transfer fees.
- Scholarships cannot be transferred to another person.
- Scholarships do not cover the cost of transportation to or from the program, nor do they cover any additional material costs or expenses or optional program activities.

WHAT WE WILL NEED FROM YOU TO FULFILL THE SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- You must complete an evaluation after your program.
- You are required to write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) in care of the scholarship committee. Sample letters and suggestions are provided.
- You are encouraged to submit an online review, photos and a blog. If you don’t have access to a computer, we can help you participate in these online features.
- You must agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship and agree to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors and promoting scholarships.
- Failure to fulfill the scholarship requirements will jeopardize future scholarship eligibility.
Road Scholar Lifelong Learning Scholarship Application

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please read these instructions carefully before applying for a scholarship. Please complete one application per person. In order to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, all parts of the application must be complete, including the program number and date for which you are applying. Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Your answers will be used to determine eligibility, and **incomplete applications will not be reviewed**. 

**Note:** Please remember to sign and date this application on the final page.

Please allow 4-6 weeks for the Scholarship Committee to review your application and send a response. If you have any questions regarding Road Scholar scholarships, you may contact Participant Services by emailing registration@roadscholar.org or by calling toll free at (877) 426-8056, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., ET.

All fields are required.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________  Date of Birth:__________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________________________________________________  State: _______________   Zip Code:________________________

Telephone Number: (_____________) _____________________ __________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please complete the program name, number and date for which you would like to register:

Program Name: _________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Program Number: ______________________________________________  Program Date:  __________________________________________________

Double or Single Occupancy: ______________________________________________________

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION** *(All information will be kept strictly confidential.)*

Total Household Income For Last Year:  $___________________________________

(This is the sum of all sources of income, including salaries, wages, interest, IRA distributions, pensions AND gross social security benefits.)

Did you file an income tax return for the previous year?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, please attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your last Federal income tax filing.

If no, please submit your last Social Security Benefit Statement.

**The Scholarship Committee must deny your application if you do not attach validation of yearly income.**

**Note:** If you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider any personal/financial circumstances or extraordinary medical/other expenses, please describe them in detail in your personal statement.
PERSONAL STATEMENT:

The Road Scholar mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. The purpose of the personal statement is to help determine why Road Scholar should award a lifelong learning scholarship to you. Please tell us, in specific detail, why you want to learn with Road Scholar and participate in this particular program. Please include any special circumstances or personal experiences that have influenced your program selection and/or your request for a scholarship. If you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider any personal/financial circumstances or extraordinary medical/other expenses, please describe them in detail.

Note: 150-500 words are required. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Are you:  
- Married
- Divorced or separated
- Widowed
- Single, never married

Gender:  
- Female
- Male

Please indicate your educational background by checking the level that applies below:

- Some High School or less
- College/University degree
- High School Graduate
- Masters or Professional degree
- Some College/University
- Doctoral degree
- Associates Degree
- Other (specify) ___________________________________________

Please describe what aspects of Road Scholar programs and participants attract and interest you the most:

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Are you currently:  
- Employed
- Retired

If employed, please tell us in what profession/occupation; if retired, please tell us your last profession/occupation:

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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF (continued)

Do you currently volunteer?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Name(s) of volunteer organization(s) and/or activities:
________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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Do you have an activity, hobby or avocation that's particularly important in your life?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please describe the activity and the benefits you experience:
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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

• Scholarship funds are limited, so these terms and conditions are subject to change and can be modified at any time without prior notice.

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• Scholarships cannot be transferred to another person.

• Scholarships do not cover the cost of transportation to or from the program, nor do they cover any additional material costs or expenses or optional program activities.

• You must complete a program evaluation upon completion of the program.

• You are required to write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) in care of the scholarship committee within 90 days of the completion of the program.

• You are encouraged to submit an online review, photos and a blog. If you don’t have access to a computer, we can help you participate in these online features.

• You must agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship and agree to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors and promoting scholarships.

• Failure to fulfill the scholarship requirements will jeopardize future scholarship eligibility.
By signing this application, you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the Road Scholar Lifelong Learning Scholarship and to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors (and the public at large) how donations to Road Scholar are being used. Your financial and contact information will always remain completely confidential.

Please indicate how you would like to be identified in materials:

- First name and last initial, city and state (e.g. Mary S., Omaha, NE)
- First name and last initial, no city or state (e.g. Mary S.)
- Initials only, city and state (e.g. M.S., Omaha, NE)
- Initials only, no city or state (e.g. M.S.)

Signature: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date:_____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please send your completed form to:

Road Scholar
Attn: Scholarship Committee
11 Avenue De Lafayette
Boston, MA 02111

APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

Please use this check list to ensure that you are submitting all of the information required for the Scholarship Committee to review your application. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

- Verify your eligibility to receive a scholarship under the terms and conditions.
- Verify that your program selection is eligible under the terms and conditions.
- Complete all of your contact information.
- Fill out the entire financial information section.
- Complete the name, number and date of your program.
- Complete the 150-500 word personal statement and indicate how you would like to identified.
- Sign and date the application.
- Enclose your financial documentation (your last Federal income tax filing or your last SSI benefit statement).

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