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ROAD SCHOLAR OFFERS NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS TO OLDER ADULTS EAGER TO EXPERIENCE THE ENRICHMENT AND JOY OF EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

BOSTON (May 22, 2013) — For more than 35 years, Road Scholar, the not-for-profit leader in educational travel, has strived to enrich the lives of millions of older adults through its iconic programs, currently offered in all 50 states and over 150 countries. The organization's mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel, regardless of economic status. To that end, it offers Road Scholar lifelong learning scholarships to low-income older adults who have the desire to learn but not the means to take part in our enriching educational programs. As a result of generous support from a wide network of donors, Road Scholar is proud to have awarded more than \$7 million dollars in scholarships over a period of 30 years to participants with a passion to learn.

In addition to offering more than 200 needs-based scholarships in 2013 and 2014, Road Scholar is launching a new initiative to partner with other not-for-profit organizations to promote the benefits of lifelong learning to its adult members.

“We are thrilled to be able to offer deserving individuals the opportunity to experience our programs, and believe that their participation has a positive impact on all attendees,” said Ann Simanis, associate vice president, Development. “We hope that by sharing our mission and partnering with like-minded, not-for-profit organizations, we will not only recruit new scholarship recipients but spark an interest with all older adults on the benefits of lifelong learning and the role educational travel plays in healthy aging.”

Scholarship Application Process

All applicants must be at least 50 years of age and live in the United States. Scholarship recipients are required to submit a personal statement of 150-500 words, explaining why a particular program was selected, and they must complete an evaluation form upon completion of the program.

The Road Scholar scholarship maximum is a \$900 credit toward the program cost, which can be applied to an eligible Road Scholar program whose cost does not exceed \$1,400. Interested applicants can apply for a full or partial scholarship; however, each will be required to pay a \$100 deposit regardless of the program cost.

For more information and to download an application, please visit our website at: www.roadscholar.org/about/scholarship.asp or call, toll free at (877) 426-8056, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., ET.

About Road Scholar

Not-for-profit Road Scholar's 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. Since inception, more than 5 million people have enrolled in our 5,500 iconic educational adventures offered annually in 50 states and 150 countries around the world.

Road Scholar educational adventures are created by Elderhostel, the not-for-profit world leader in lifelong learning since 1975. To learn more, please visit our website at www.roadscholar.org/press.