



Student Ambassador Payment Schedule and Financial Information

Travel Documents: Student Ambassadors are responsible for obtaining and paying for all travel related documents and fees necessary for travel to their destination city. Students traveling with non-U.S. passports are responsible for securing any other travel documents necessary for their destination. For students traveling to China, Sister Cities will facilitate obtaining visas for the group traveling. Fees (currently \$240) are due by March 31. Students who are U.S. citizens traveling to Argentina must pay a reciprocity fee of \$160 which is now required by the Argentine government. Fees can be paid on-line prior to travel at <https://virtual.provinciapagos.com.ar/ArgentineTaxes/>

Payment schedule for Student Ambassadors traveling on summer exchanges:

Application fee of \$300 due with application

January 31 - \$500.00

February 28 - \$1,000.00

March 31 – Balance due

If students submit an application after January 31 or February 28 payment deadlines, they should submit application with the respective amount owed. Checks, money orders or cash are accepted. If a check bounces, a late fee of \$10 will be assessed. If a payment is not received within two weeks of due date, the student may be required to forfeit his/her participation in the trip and all previously made payments, depending on the costs incurred by SCN. Monies will be refunded if by March 15, there are not enough students who have signed up to participate on the program. SCN accepts all major credit cards but will assess a 3.5% service fee to the payment if a family wishes to use a credit card.

Financial Aid:

Students who have requested financial assistance will be notified by mid-March. If financial assistance is available, the amount of financial aid will be deducted from the final payment due on March 31. Please note that financial assistance typically ranges from \$250 - \$750.

Spending money:

We recommend that all students travel with \$200 for souvenir, sundry items, meals not paid for on tours, some transportation

Approximate costs for each trip:

Airfares noted below are based on past year history. All families will be informed of exactly the amount of airfare and agent booking fee. Final balance due on March 31 will reflect the exact amount.

Caen and Paris, France:

\$ 300 – application fee

\$1,500 – airfare (to/from Nashville and Paris - approximate)

\$ 300 – private transportation to/from Paris-Caen; lodging for two nights in Paris; transport in Paris

\$ 200 – spending money

\$2,300 – Total approximate

Magdeburg and Berlin, Germany

\$ 300 – application fee

\$1,500 – airfare (to/from Nashville and Berlin - approximate)

\$ 150 – excursion to Berlin – train, overnight accommodations

\$ 200 – spending money

\$2,150 - Total approximate

Mendoza, Argentina

\$300 – application fee

\$160 – reciprocity fee required by Argentine government

\$1,500 – airfare (to/from Nashville and Mendoza- approximate)

\$300 – weekend excursion to the Andes (OPTIONAL) – ziplining, Aconcagua, overnight in mountain lodge

\$200 – spending money

\$2,160 - \$2,460 – Total approximate

Taiyuan and Beijing, China

\$300 – application fee

\$240 – visa fee

\$2,100 – airfare (to/from Nashville and Beijing; from Taiyuan to Beijing)

\$350 – Beijing experience – lodging for three nights; private transportation from airport and in Beijing with tour guide; entry into museums and attractions; high speed train to Taiyuan

\$200 – spending money

\$3,190 – Total approximate

Sydney and Tamworth, Australia

\$ 300 – application fee

\$2,000 – airfare

\$ 400 – Sydney experience

\$ 200 – spending money

\$2,950 – Total approximate

