

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in Xperitas' Financial Aid program. **Financial aid will be awarded on a rolling basis, so there may be an advantage to getting your application in early.** If your application is submitted after September 1, 2018, you must be enrolled in a program for consideration.

Eligibility:

1. You must be a student (grades 6-12) registered on an Xperitas Immersion program.
2. Your family must meet the financial requirements as stipulated in the application.
3. You must complete the application requirements and have them submitted by **October 15, 2018**.

Submission Requirements:

1. **Section 1: Participant contact information**
2. **Section 2:** Household financial information and a photocopy of your parents' last **Federal Income Tax Return. If your parents do not file jointly, both tax returns must be included.**
3. **Section 3: Additional Participant Information (You may attach additional pages if needed)**
4. **Section 4:** A **personal essay or video** (at least one page, double spaced if written) explaining why you want to participate in this Xperitas program and how you believe participation would help you become a better global citizen.
5. **Section 5:** A **recommendation** from an adult working at your school (teacher, coach, etc.)

Important, please note! It is the responsibility of the applicant to assemble your documents and submit them in the same envelope. Recommendations may be submitted under separate cover. Xperitas is under no obligation to track down missing materials.

Deadline:

All of the documents listed above must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2018**. **Only applications submitted in a timely manner will be considered.**

Notification of Awards:

Participants who receive financial aid awards will be notified by email. Financial aid will be credited to your remaining balance **at the time of final billing**, approximately two weeks before the final payment deadline.

Awards are from 10% to 60% of the program price. All the information you submit will be taken into account when determining your award, including, but not limited to, your financial information, number of children in your family, your recommendation and personal essay.

Because financial aid is limited, you may also need to seek additional resources on your own. Fundraising ideas are also available on our website: www.xperitas.org/blog/fundraising



Section 1 - To be completed by applicant

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Language studied: _____ How many years? _____

I am traveling to (destination): _____ in spring summer

Language teacher who is organizing your Xperitas program: _____

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Section 2 - To be completed by parent or guardian

You must attach a copy of the page of your 2017 Federal Income Tax Return that **shows your adjusted gross income or your application will be considered incomplete. If parents file separately, both 2017 Federal Income tax returns must be provided.**

If you were not required to file a 2017 income tax return, please state the reason why. You must attach documents to show **proof of income sources** (copy of pay stub, copy of unemployment check, etc.).

Adjusted Gross Income for 2017, must be less than \$55,000: _____

Number of dependent children in your household during 2017 tax year: _____

Student lives with: Both parents One parent only Other: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 name: _____ Occupation: _____ Work Ph (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian 2 name: _____ Occupation: _____ Work Ph (_____) _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct

(Signature of parent/legal guardian)

(Date)



Section 3 - To be completed by applicant

Indicate the percentage of your Xperitas program's cost that you intend to come from the following sources: (for instance: 50% from parents, 50% from work)

Parents _____ % Work: _____ % Savings _____ % Other _____ %

Specify other: _____

Have you traveled outside the U.S.? (yes or no) ____ If yes, where did you travel _____

Have you ever participated in an Xperitas program before? (yes or no) _____

If yes, where did you travel? _____ What year? _____

What circumstances make you a candidate for financial aid?

Section 4 - To be completed by applicant

Attach your essay to this form (or submit your video via email) explaining why you want to participate in this Xperitas program and how you believe participation would help you become a better global citizen.

Section 5 - To be completed by an adult at your school

Have an adult at your school (teacher, coach, counselor, etc.) complete the enclosed recommendation form for you.

Please send all required financial aid materials directly to:

Xperitas, Attn: Amy Litman
129 N. 2nd St., Suite 102
Minneapolis, MN 55401

I certify that the information I have given on this application is complete and accurate.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)



Recommendation Form

Student's Name: _____

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Your name: _____ Email: _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Please rate the student using the scale provided.	1= poor 3= average 5= excellent	Comments
Attitude		
Acts Responsibly		
Attendance		
Social Skills		
Respectfulness		
Initiative		
Ability to keep commitments/meet deadlines		
Leadership Potential		
Maturity		



