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 July 1, 2020, 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, 2020**.

**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. If you need to submit materials via email, please contact **Amy@xperitas.org**. 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, 2020**. **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](http://www.xperitas.org/blog/fundraising)
# Financial Aid Application

## Section 1 - To be completed by applicant

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## Section 2 - To be completed by parent or guardian

You must attach a copy of the page of your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return that shows your adjusted gross income or your application will be considered incomplete. If parents file separately, both 2019 Federal Income tax returns must be provided.

If you were not required to file a 2019 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 2019, must be less than $55,000: |
| Number of dependent children in your household during 2019 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

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(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?

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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? ____________________________

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How do you believe this student would benefit from a language and cultural immersion experience? We encourage you to provide any information you feel is relevant to your students’ receipt of this award. Please feel free to add additional pages as needed.

Date: __________________ Signature: ________________________________

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Minneapolis, MN 55401
or by email to Amy@Xperitas.org