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, 2021, 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, 2021.

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 be 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 or 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, 2021. 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 percent 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/pricing-and-fundraising/fundraising](http://www.xperitas.org/pricing-and-fundraising/fundraising)
Financial Aid Application

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 2020 Federal Income Tax Return that shows your adjusted gross income, or your application will be considered incomplete. If parents file separately, both 2020 Federal Income tax returns must be provided.

If you were not required to file a 2020 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 2020, must be less than $55,000: ________________________________

Number of dependent children in your household during 2020 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 be 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
6625 Lyndale Ave South, Suite 104
Minneapolis, MN 55423

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.

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Date: ____________________ Signature: _________________________________________________

Please return to: Xperitas, Attn: Amy Litman
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