



First Trip awards scholarships to students at accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States. Funds are available for students traveling abroad for the first-time to eligible destinations.

Global Citizenship

Global citizens view the world through an international lens rather than as a member of one nation or society. First Trip promotes global citizenship and holds true that the path to global citizenship is initiated once we embed ourselves into another culture far different from our own. Therefore, countries that are comparable to the United States in overall standard of living, culture, and way of life are **not eligible destinations**.

Eligible Destinations

Funds are available for college students traveling to countries ranked lower than *Very High* on the United Nations' annual Human Development Index (HDI). As the HDI is updated annually, only countries whose human development have been ranked as *High*, *Medium*, or *Low* on the latest HDI are considered eligible destinations. Please visit FirstTrip.org for a full list of eligible destinations.

Applications

Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis. Forms are available on the website. Applications are accepted at all times throughout the year. Applicants are encouraged to apply at least three months in advance of their trip departure date.

How We Increase Diversity in Study Abroad

No GPA requirement. Ever! We believe study abroad should be accessible to all students and not solely high academic achievers.

No essay requirement. First Trip applications do not require an essay. We think more time should be spent planning for a fantastic journey! We will want to hear about the trip once students return to the United States.

No restrictions on community college students. Most travel scholarships are only available to students enrolled in four-year institutions. To increase accessibility, students enrolled in accredited junior colleges may apply for our awards as well.

Who Should Apply?

There are four primary requirements that successful First Trip scholars must meet:

- Be a first-time traveler.
- Be enrolled in a U.S. college or university.
- Pursue a college-approved program or travel opportunity in an eligible destination.
- If selected for an award, provide a brief written account of the travel experience upon return to the United States.