

## Enrichment Grants

Dear Enrichment Grant Applicant,

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, every year we award hundreds of Enrichment Grants to lifelong learners in need. Since our earliest days, we at Road Scholar have set aside resources to ensure that lifelong learners with limited financial means would be able to attend Road Scholar learning adventures. Road Scholar Enrichment Grants help make the dream of a lifelong learning adventure a reality. They also enhance the program experience for all participants by welcoming individuals with diverse life perspectives to fully participate in our learning communities.

You can apply for an Enrichment Grant if your household income is less than 80 percent of the median household income in your state of residency. Check the enclosed table to see if you're eligible, but keep in mind that income eligibility alone doesn't guarantee an Enrichment Grant.

If you meet the income eligibility requirement, we encourage you to submit an application. It takes us between four and six weeks to review your application. The application is your chance to tell us about yourself and what the opportunity to go on a Road Scholar learning adventure would mean to you.

Pick a program in the United States you'd like to attend and use the personal statement section of the application to tell us why it inspires you and what circumstances make it difficult for you to attend without an Enrichment Grant.

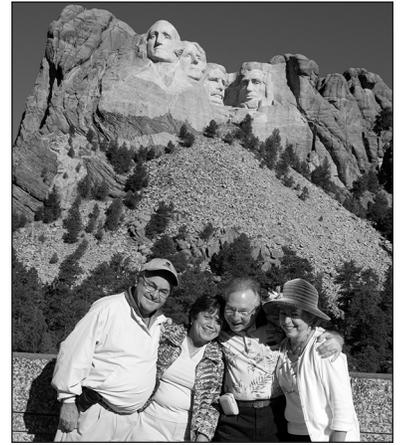
If your application is approved, we'll award you an Enrichment Grant toward the cost of the program. **Please read the sections on the back for important information about the application requirements and what to expect if your application is approved.**

We're so glad you want to experience the joys of lifelong learning with Road Scholar. We can't wait for you to join us.

Sincerely,



James Moses  
Road Scholar President



## THE BASICS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ENRICHMENT GRANTS

### Which programs are eligible for Enrichment Grants?

You can apply for an Enrichment Grant toward the cost of any program that meets all of the following criteria:

- Takes place entirely in the United States.
- Costs NO MORE than \$1,400.

### Who can apply for an Enrichment Grant?

We accept Enrichment Grant applications from anyone who meets all of the following criteria:

- At least 50 years of age.
- Lives in the United States.
- Meets the eligibility requirements (see enclosed table).
- Has not been awarded an Enrichment Grant in the last two years.

### What happens if your application is approved?

Here's how the Enrichment Grant works:

- The Enrichment Grant is applied toward the cost of the program you selected in your application.
- The amount of the Enrichment Grant will be between \$200 and \$900, determined by your household income.
- You will pay the balance of the program cost after the Enrichment Grant has been applied.
- At minimum, you will pay a \$100 deposit, no matter the program cost and amount awarded.

### What happens if you send in an incomplete application?

To make sure your application is reviewed, please ensure it is complete.

- Your application must include the program number and date of a specific United States program that costs \$1,400 or less.
- If you are awarded an Enrichment Grant, you must apply it toward the program and date specified in your application. You cannot reserve it for a program to be selected in the future.

### What if your plans change?

We know that in rare instances a grant recipient may have to adjust their travel plans. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Remember: Your program deposit is non-refundable and is used to cover our costs if you have to cancel your program or transfer to another.
- If you cancel your enrollment in the program, the Enrichment Grant becomes void.
- If Road Scholar cancels your program, the Enrichment Grant can be transferred to another program without fees.
- If after enrollment you decide to transfer to another eligible program, the Enrichment Grant may be transferred along with the enrollment.
- Your Enrichment Grant can't be transferred to another person.

### Is there anything the Enrichment Grant doesn't cover?

The Enrichment Grant is applied to the cost of the program only. It does not cover ...

- The cost of transportation to and from the program.
- Any additional material costs or expenses.

### What are you expected to do when you return from your program?

When you get back from your adventure, we ask that you do a few things for us. If you fail to do the following, **we may not award you an Enrichment Grant in the future.**

- Complete an evaluation after the program.
- Write a thank-you letter to the donor(s) who funded your Enrichment Grant.
- Post an online review, photos and a blog. We can help you with this if you need.
- Allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter when we report to donors and tell others about our Enrichment Grants.

***Please save this page for future reference after submitting the attached application.***

State	Road Scholar Enrichment Grant Maximum Household Income	
	1 Earner	2 People
Alabama	\$31,450	\$38,530
Alaska	\$42,170	\$56,140
Arizona	\$33,000	\$43,200
Arkansas	\$28,610	\$36,320
California	\$37,950	\$49,400
Colorado	\$38,840	\$51,440
Connecticut	\$45,720	\$57,120
Delaware	\$37,840	\$49,150
District of Columbia	\$39,330	\$64,240
Florida	\$32,850	\$40,570
Georgia	\$32,300	\$40,720
Hawaii	\$39,130	\$50,080
Idaho	\$32,750	\$39,110
Illinois	\$37,220	\$46,920
Indiana	\$32,990	\$41,240
Iowa	\$33,080	\$46,130
Kansas	\$33,370	\$44,560
Kentucky	\$31,370	\$36,690
Louisiana	\$29,760	\$37,410
Maine	\$32,520	\$41,720
Maryland	\$45,670	\$57,750
Massachusetts	\$43,580	\$52,860
Michigan	\$35,290	\$41,240
Minnesota	\$37,700	\$49,890
Mississippi	\$28,400	\$33,780
Missouri	\$32,210	\$40,590
Montana	\$33,150	\$42,610
Nebraska	\$32,810	\$46,670
Nevada	\$35,210	\$43,640
New Hampshire	\$41,220	\$51,600
New Jersey	\$47,920	\$54,630
New Mexico	\$30,060	\$40,730
New York	\$37,460	\$46,480
North Carolina	\$31,910	\$40,610
North Dakota	\$32,570	\$48,200
Ohio	\$33,560	\$41,710
Oklahoma	\$31,870	\$40,420
Oregon	\$33,830	\$43,150
Pennsylvania	\$37,180	\$43,270
Rhode Island	\$36,760	\$48,290
South Carolina	\$30,750	\$39,620
South Dakota	\$29,840	\$44,820
Tennessee	\$31,270	\$38,100
Texas	\$32,310	\$43,810
Utah	\$39,950	\$43,960
Vermont	\$36,070	\$48,360
Virginia	\$41,800	\$51,670
Washington	\$41,320	\$51,040
West Virginia	\$32,530	\$34,910
Wisconsin	\$34,220	\$45,980
Wyoming	\$35,530	\$49,530

# Enrichment Grant Application

## INSTRUCTIONS

Please read these instructions carefully before applying for an Enrichment Grant.

Please complete one application per person. In order to be reviewed by the Enrichment Grant Committee, all parts of the application must be complete, including the program number and date for which you are applying. Please answer the questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Your answers will be used to determine eligibility, and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

*Note: Please remember to sign and date the final page of the application.*

Please allow 4-6 weeks for the Enrichment Grant Committee to review your application.

If you have any questions regarding Enrichment Grants, you may contact Participant Services by emailing [registration@roadscholar.org](mailto:registration@roadscholar.org) or by calling toll free at (877) 426-8056, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., ET.

All fields are required.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### How did you learn about Road Scholar?

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION *(All information will be kept strictly confidential.)*

Total Household Income (\$) Last Year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Include all sources of income, including salaries, wages, interest, IRA distributions, pensions and gross social security benefits.

Did you file an income tax return for the previous year?  Yes  No

If yes, please attach a copy of pages 1 and 2 of your last federal income tax filing.

If no, please attach a copy of your last Social Security Benefit Statement.

*Note: The Enrichment Grant Committee will deny your application if you do not attach validation of yearly income. If you would like the Committee to consider any extraordinary personal, financial, medical or other circumstances or expenses, please describe them in detail in your Personal Statement.*

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Please provide the following information about the program for which you want to register:

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Double or Single Occupancy: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT**

The Road Scholar mission is to inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime. The purpose of your personal statement is to help determine why Road Scholar should award you an Enrichment Grant. Please tell us, in specific detail, why you want to learn with Road Scholar and participate in this particular program. Please include any special circumstances or personal experiences that have influenced your program selection and/or your request for this grant. If you would like the Enrichment Grant Committee to consider any extraordinary personal, financial, medical or other circumstances or expenses, please also describe them in detail.

*Note: 150-500 words are required. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.*

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**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

Are you:  Married  Divorced or separated  Widowed  Single, never married

Gender:  Female  Male

Please indicate your highest level of educational achievement (select one)::

- Some High School
- High School Diploma
- Some College/University
- Associates Degree
- College/University degree
- Master’s or Professional degree
- Doctoral degree
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF** *(continued)*

Please describe what it is about Road Scholar programs and our participants that attracts and interests you:

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**Employment Status:**     Employed     Retired

If employed, please tell us in what profession/occupation; if retired, please tell us your last profession/occupation:

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**Do you currently volunteer?**     Yes     No

Name(s) of volunteer organization(s) and/or activities:

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**Do you have an activity, hobby or avocation that's particularly important in your life?**     Yes     No

If yes, please describe the activity and the benefits you experience:

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the following seven (7) sections at the beginning of this application and sign below to confirm that you have read and understand the terms and conditions therein:

“Which programs are eligible for Enrichment Grants?”

“Who can apply for an Enrichment Grant?”

“What happens if your application is approved?”

“What happens if you send in an incomplete application?”

“What if your plans change?”

“Is there anything the Enrichment Grant doesn’t cover?”

“What are you expected to do when you return from your program?”

By signing this application, you are agreeing to abide by the terms and conditions of the Enrichment Grant program; to allow Road Scholar to use your personal statement and thank-you letter in reporting to our donors (and the public at large) how donations to Road Scholar are being used; and to be identified in those materials by your first name, last initial, city and state (e.g. Mary S., Omaha, Nebraska).

Your financial and contact information will always remain completely confidential.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please send your completed application to:**

Road Scholar  
Attn: Enrichment Grant Committee  
11 Avenue De Lafayette  
Boston, MA 02111

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### **Please use this checklist to ensure that you are submitting all of the information required.**

#### **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

- Verify your eligibility to receive an Enrichment Grant under the terms and conditions.
- Verify that your program selection is eligible under the terms and conditions.
- Complete all of your contact information.
- Fill out the entire Financial Information section.
- Provide the name, number and date of the program you have selected.
- Complete the 150-500 word personal statement.
- Sign and date the application.
- Enclose your financial documentation (your last federal income tax filing or your last Social Security benefit statement).

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