

# Trip of a Lifetime: Summer 2012 Application

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## Information:

You are applying for a full grant provided by Trip of a Lifetime, a not-for-profit organization, for a teen tour or summer travel experience. If selected, the date and length of the trip will be chosen in the spring. For more information about the trip options and the application process, please visit our website: [www.projecttoal.org](http://www.projecttoal.org). To be eligible, you must currently be in ninth or tenth grade and be from the Tri-State area. If you would rather submit the application online, please visit our website.

Also, please be aware that submitting an application is no guarantee of receiving a grant. Unfortunately, we receive many more applications than the number of applicants we can accept. In addition, all information received in this application will be kept strictly confidential.

## Directions:

1. Please fill out Part One and Part Two of the Student Application.
2. Please have your parent/guardian complete the Parent/Guardian Application.
3. Have your guidance counselor fill out the Guidance Counselor Application and have them attach a copy of your transcript to it.
4. Return both the Student Application and the Parent/Guardian Application by **March 15, 2012**, by Mail, Fax, or Email.

# Student Application:

## Part One: Background Information

*Directions: Please completely fill out the information below. The more information we receive, the quicker we will be able to make our selections. Failure to fully complete this section can result in the disqualification of your application. Please complete the optional sections if applicable.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M( ) F( ) Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Primary Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone 2 (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with: One Parent ( ) Both Parents ( ) Guardian ( )

Are you an American citizen? Yes ( ) No ( )

Do you have a passport? Yes ( ) No ( ) I am getting one by 6/1/2012 ( )

GPA on last report card: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Trip of a Lifetime?

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Do you know anyone who previously received a travel grant From Trip of a Lifetime?

Yes ( ) No ( )

If so, who and what is their relationship with you (e.g. sister, cousin)?

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## Part Two: Personal Responses

*Directions: Please fill out the questions below.*

What is your favorite place to visit and why? (2-3 sentences)

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Have you traveled outside the Northeast before (been to Florida, California, etc.)? If so, tell us where you have been.

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What are some of your hobbies (list them below)?

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Please list any clubs, sports, and community service you do in high school.

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### Quick Response Questions: There Are No Wrong Answers

Favorite Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Television Show \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Book \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Musical Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject in School \_\_\_\_\_

## Long Response:

*Directions: Please answer **TWO** of the following four questions in **250 words or less** and attach your answers to this application. We cannot review your application unless you submit **BOTH** of your essays. Your essays should be **TYPED**, double spaced, and be in 12 point font. Indicate which questions you have chosen. You will not be graded for spelling or grammar. We want to learn more about what makes you a unique individual.*

- 1) Discuss a person that has influenced your life. Make sure to not only mention the person but how they have impacted you and shaped your personality. It could be a teacher, friend, family member, etc.
- 2) Discuss a significant experience, achievement, or risk you have taken and its effect on you.
- 3) If you could have dinner with any three people (past or present, fact or fictional, celebrity or friend), who would you choose and why?
- 4) What are five items on your bucket list (things you want to do in your lifetime)? Explain why you chose each of the five things. They can be places you want to visit, people you want to meet, goals you want to accomplish, etc.

*Once your application is processed, you will be called and emailed to arrange a phone or in-person interview. The purpose of the interview is to get to know you on a more personal level. The interview is **MANDATORY** prior to us awarding the grant.*

Please provide any additional information about yourself that you would like us to know:

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# Parent Application:

## Part One: Financial Information

*Directions: Please completely fill out the information below. All information will be kept completely confidential. Note: if your child is chosen as a finalist for these grants, you may be asked to provide copies of tax returns and other proofs of income such as payroll stubs.*

How many family members are supported by your family's income? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children will be attending college next year? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please include their names and the schools they will be attending.

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What is your estimated total family income for 2012?

( ) \$0-24,999 ( ) \$25,000-\$49,999 ( ) \$50,000-\$74,999 ( ) \$75,000-\$99,999 ( ) \$100,000+

Does your child qualify for the free lunch program? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has your child ever received financial aid, which includes but is not limited to the programs listed below? \_\_\_\_\_

*Supplemental Security Income, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)*

If yes, please state which programs and dates:

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## Part Two: Information about Your Child

*Directions: Please answer the questions below in 1-2 sentences. Make sure to neatly write or type your responses.*

What makes your child a good candidate for a summer travel program?

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List five adjectives to describe your child:

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List any unique talents or hobbies your child possesses or enjoys:

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Does your child have any social, learning, or emotional issues identified by a qualified professional (doctor, social worker, psychologist, etc.)? If so, please explain.

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Has your child ever been charged with or been arrested for a crime? If so, please explain.

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Has your child ever been suspended or expelled from school? If so, please explain.

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Please provide any additional information that we should take into consideration.

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# Agreement Form:

**Directions: Please read and sign the statement below. We cannot consider you for a grant unless this agreement form is completed.**

*I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could jeopardize consideration of my nomination. I am aware that any knowing misstatement, false representation, or other inaccuracy could subject me to penalties, including payment of damages, to the extent permitted under law. In addition, I authorize the high school I have attended to release to Trip of a Lifetime, if requested, my transcripts and other academic or financial information requested by Trip of a Lifetime for the purposes of determining my eligibility for the scholarship provided by Trip of a Lifetime. By submitting this application form, I am giving Trip of a Lifetime permission to verify information on this form. Also, all students selected for the grant will be required to write an essay within fifteen days after completion of their trip which will be posted on our website and can be used in any promotional or fundraising efforts by the charity.*

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*For additional information regarding the application process, please view the Trip of a Lifetime website - [www.projecttoal.org](http://www.projecttoal.org) or email us at [webmaster@projecttoal.org](mailto:webmaster@projecttoal.org) . If there are still questions, please contact your dean or guidance counselor who will be in contact with the organization. Once we receive your application, we will follow up with you to conduct our interview. We expect all grant decisions to be made by April 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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