



TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER 2021

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ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT TRAVEL AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

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Trip of a Lifetime is looking for high-performing students in grades 7-11 to apply for its summer travel scholarships. Accepted students travel on trips run by our partner organization, Rein Teen Tours, and all expenses are covered by the organization. All trips will follow the proper health and safety protocols based on the latest COVID-19 situation.

The only catch? You must use your trip to make a difference in your community when you return. How you do so is completely up to you but it's important to us to pay it forward.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

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Trip of a Lifetime is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of income or background, have the opportunity to travel. Our signature program is our Summer Travel Scholarship and to date, we have provided full tuition summer travel scholarships to over 180 students.

Here are some other facts and figures about the organization:

- **We Have Humble Beginnings:** The organization was started in 2008 by seven high school students from Westchester County as a way to share their collective love of travel with others
- **We Serve Our Communities:** Participating students have logged over 1,000 hours of community service on their trips and many more hours after they return. We also have a Mentorship Program that gives you resources after your trip to make a difference
- **We Have A Great Board:** Thanks to the generosity of our board of directors, 100% of the money we raise from our donors and sponsors goes directly to funding student trips like yours
- **We Have Many Generous Partners:** Our corporate and community partners include the New York City Department of Education, Rotary Club, and Lifting Up Westchester

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WHERE MIGHT YOU TRAVEL TO?

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From Community Service Programs to International Destinations, Trip of a Lifetime has it all. Here are a few examples of our trips:



Project California: In this program, students will stay on a college campus and complete a community service project during the day. At night and on the weekend, the group will travel together around California. Places you might visit include Los Angeles, Palm Springs, and Disneyland

Project Costa Rica: In this program, students will visit Costa Rica and complete a community service project during the day. At night and on the weekend, the group will travel together around the country, taking in its beautiful natural surroundings. Activities might include Surfing in Guanacaste and participating in a Zip-Line Tour

“Traditional” Teen Tour: During this program, students will travel to the West Coast and stay in hotels, college dorms, or luxury camping facilities.

Places you might visit include the Grand Canyon, Golden Gate Bridge, and Lake Tahoe.

Tour and Service: During this program, students will spend half their time traveling across the West Coast and the other half completing a community service project with their group. Places you might visit include Mount Rushmore, San Diego, and The Red Rock Mountains

Please Note: All trips are run and operated by Rein Teen Tours, our partner organization, and availability along with the locations visited on each is subject to change. Students are placed on trips AFTER they are selected into the program.

For more information about Rein Teen Tours, please visit reinteentours.com

HOW DO I APPLY?

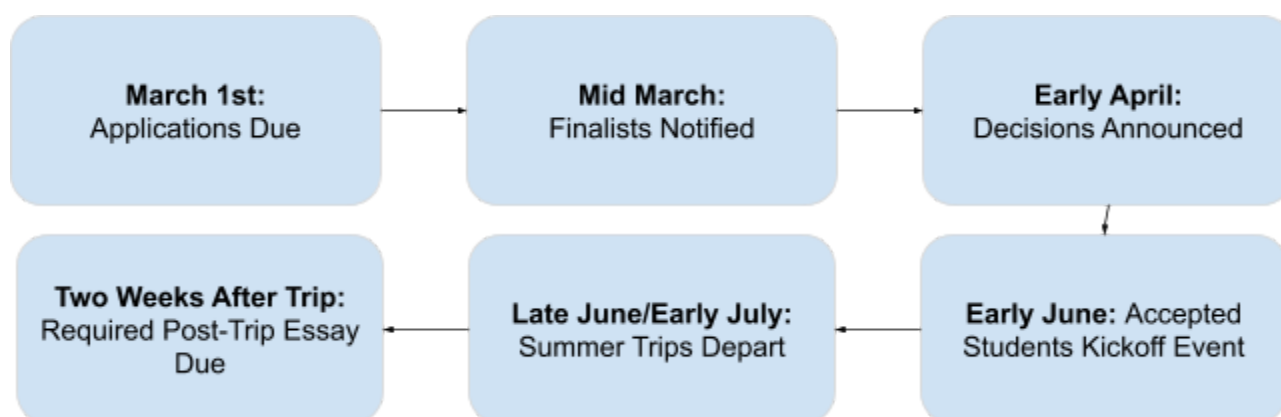
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Applying to Trip of a Lifetime is easy; submit the Student, Counselor, and Parent Applications on our website.

Selection Criteria:

- You are currently in grades 7-11
- You are able to spend 2-4 weeks during the summer to travel
- Your family qualifies for financial need, as demonstrated by the Free Lunch Program or other forms of government assistance
- You've never been suspended or been involved in any criminal activity
- You will use the experience to make a difference in your community

Timeline:



Due to the high volume of applications we receive and limited funding, we cannot accept every candidate that applies. Priority consideration will be given to those students that communicate a passion for travel and a willingness to make a difference.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: Will you still be sending students on trips for the Summer 2021?

A: As long as it is deemed safe by our Board of Directors and Trip Partners, Trip of a Lifetime is committed to sending as many students as possible on trips this summer. It is possible the trip lengths and locations might vary based on the COVID-19 situation but will do whatever we can to safely allow students the opportunity to travel.

We are also working through some COVID-19 procedures with our tour partners which might include but are not limited to mandatory mask wearing on the trip, testing before or during your trip, and smaller trips with more social distancing.

Stay tuned to our website for the latest information about the trip procedures for this year and contact us with any concerns.

Q: What happens if I get accepted to Trip of a Lifetime but change my mind about traveling this summer because I feel uncomfortable about the COVID-19 situation?

A: It's important to emphasize that no student will be required to travel on their trip if they feel uncomfortable about the health situation.

That being said, we encourage only students that are considering participating to apply and know that Trip of a Lifetime reserves the right to alter or cancel any trips for health related reasons.

Q: Do I need to submit the Student, Parent, and Counselor Applications at the same time?

A: No; you are welcome to submit each of the applications at different times as long as all three portions are completed by March 1st.

Q: When do you notify selected students?

A: Selected students will be notified no later than April 15th. We make every effort to get our decisions out earlier if possible.

Q: Can I still apply if I have other commitments this summer?

A: We ask that all students who apply are able to travel for at least three weeks during the month of July. We can work around one-off events but are unable to accommodate applicants who have commitments for the entire month.

Q: If I'm selected, do I get to choose which trip I go on?

A: While we make every effort to accommodate your first or second choice, your final trip placement is decided by Trip of a Lifetime. We place students on trips based on their availability in the summer, the health situation and citizenship status, among other factors.

Q: Can I still apply if I'm not a US citizen?

A: Absolutely! However, we will most likely place you on a trip within the United States to avoid any potential immigration or passport issues.

Q: When will there be an in-person orientation before the trip?

A: Yes; all accepted students are required to attend our pre-trip kickoff orientation with at least one parent or guardian. The orientation will cover trip rules, safety, and include separate student and parent Q&A sessions. If the health situation is still uncertain, the event will take place virtually.

Q: How many students per trip?

A: Every trip will contain 30-40 students. 3-4 of those students will likely be fellow participants in Trip of a Lifetime and the remaining ones are students that sign up directly through Rein Teen Tours (without the scholarship).

Q: What expenses are covered by Trip of a Lifetime and what do I have to cover out of pocket?

A: Trip of a Lifetime covers all trip expenses including insurance, airfare, and activities. However there are a few trip options where lunch is not included and students will need to bring \$200-300 with them to cover these meals. Should this be an issue for your family, let us know when you apply.

STILL NOT CONVINCED?

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Take the word of students like you that have participated:



"The whole Trip was just so amazing I can write a book on it! From meeting new people, doing new things, experiencing quiet and so much more, I thank everyone for this opportunity."

- Trevor H,



" This trip made me realize that there's more to the world than the South Bronx."

- Selina A



" This summer was one of the best that I ever had and I owe it all to Trip of a Lifetime."

- Alex T

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM?

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