

Global Leaders Financial Assistance & Fundraising Program (FAFP)

ONLY FILL THIS SHEET OUT if you are asking for financial assistance, and submit with your application and deposit NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 9/28/16.

*Filling out the application does not guarantee your financial aid award. A GL staff member will work with you to determine fee amount and payment plan. **Spending money in your host country and required tip money (\$100 per student) is not covered under the FAFP.***

Applicant Name:

Program:

Parent/Guardian Name:

One of Global Leaders' (GL) main goals is to ensure that our program is available to all who are interested, regardless of financial resources. Thus, we base the fee for the program on a sliding scale. Participants and their families help determine what they can afford to pay.

Some guidelines to help you understand the financial aid available to you for the current year:

1. GL has allocated approximately **\$35,000** to award in financial aid to reduce program fees for families this year. Once we have received all FAFP applications, we then divide the allocated funds to students based on need.
2. Financial aid awards are based on a sliding scale – the maximum award is 50% of the program fees plus airfare. Regardless of the financial aid award, every student is required to have a minimum fundraising goal of \$1000 (as all full-paying students do). The fundraising goal will be calculated based on the balance after the total family payment and financial aid award. These funds contribute directly to the student's participation. This ensures a strong commitment to fundraising effort for each student, as well as allowing for an increased number of students to benefit from the FAFP.
3. Although GL has led trips to Guatemala since 1997, GL incorporated as a non-profit in 2002, and does not have an endowment fund in place for financial aid. GL staff, students, the Board of Directors, and parent volunteers work tirelessly to fundraise to support the FAFP needs.
4. **Project Fund:** GL supports a project fund that allows us to carry out service projects at home, in Guatemala and Ghana, including building schools, reforesting hillsides, and supporting Hermano Pedro Hospital and Kumasi Children's Home. Each participant, regardless of whether they receive financial aid is required to meet a fundraising goal of \$1000 to dedicate to this project fund through a letter campaign, and the benefit auction. Some students will not reach this goal, and some will exceed it. If you exceed your fundraising goal, *it does not affect the program fee you have agreed to pay!* Increased fundraising simply means those funds contribute to the project fund.
5. **Program Fee:** The program fee is set based on the cost of our operations locally and abroad. In California it pays for meeting space, programming, event planning, office supplies, insurance, and personnel. In Guatemala and Ghana it pays for lodging, meals, programming, cultural exchanges and excursions, transportation, and language class. No part of the program fee goes to projects, which is why fundraising is so essential to the GL experience.
6. The parent/guardian contribution to program fees will vary according to your family's situation. These guidelines are supplement with a financial interview, and the agreement you make with GL staff during that interview must be honored. The assistance you receive is based on family income, number of dependents, and fundraising capacity.

Total Program Cost (Guatemala SUMMER) = Program Fees (\$2800) + Airfare (~\$800) = \$3600

****Program Cost does not cover passport fees (~\$105) or inoculations (~\$125), so account for those in your planning.**

The following tables give *estimates* of scholarship amounts (S) and fundraising goals (F) to help you complete your application:

**Regardless of award amount or monthly payment, all students have a fundraising goal of AT LEAST \$1000 (as all full paying students do). This goal first contributes to the student's program fee until the balance after the family payments and financial aid award is reached. The remaining fundraising goal contributes to the project fee.*

GUATEMALA SUMMER	Amount my family can afford to pay monthly						
	Total (T) is based on 8 months of payments + original \$50 deposit						
		\$25 T: \$250	\$50 T: \$450	\$100 T: \$850	\$150 T: \$1250	\$200 T: \$1650	\$300 T: \$2450
Annual family income (Estimated Tax Year 2016)	\$0- \$15,000	S: \$1800 F: \$1550	S: \$1800 F: \$1350	S: \$1650 F: \$1100	S: \$1250 F: \$1100	N/A	N/A
	\$15,001 - \$30,000	S: \$1800 F: \$1550	S: \$1700 F: \$1450	S: \$1450 F: \$1300	S: \$1150 F: \$1200	S: \$850 F: \$1100	N/A
	\$30,001 - \$45,000	S: \$1600 F: \$1750	S: \$1550 F: \$1600	S: \$1250 F: \$1500	S: \$1050 F: \$1300	S: \$750 F: \$1200	N/A
	\$45,001 - \$60,000	S: \$1400 F: \$1950	S: \$1350 F: \$1800	S: \$1150 F: \$1600	S: \$850 F: \$1500	S: \$550 F: \$1400	S: \$150 F: \$1000
	\$60,001 - \$75,000	N/A	S: \$1250 F: \$1900	S: \$1050 F: \$1700	S: \$650 F: \$1700	S: \$450 F: \$1500	S: \$0 F: \$1150
	\$75,001 - \$90,000	N/A	N/A	S: \$950 F: \$1800	S: \$550 F: \$1800	S: \$350 F: \$1600	S: \$0 F: \$1150
	\$90,001 - \$105,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	S: \$450 F: \$1900	S: \$250 F: \$1700	S: \$0 F: \$1150
	>\$105,001	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S: \$150 F: \$1800	S: \$0 F: \$1150

Sample: Jane Smith is travelling on the Guatemala Summer Journey with GL. Smith family income is \$35,000 with two dependents, and they can afford to pay \$50 monthly. They can expect a financial aid contribution of \$1550 and can expect to pay program fees of \$450. Jane would have a fundraising goal of \$1500.

Using the tables above, please fill out the following application. As noted in the guidelines, the tables give and ESTIMATE of your award and fundraising goal. GL may offer slightly more or less than you request based on your circumstances, or based on the total need for the year.

FAFP REQUEST 2016/17

Applicant Name:

Program:

Parent/Guardian Name:

1. Total Program Fees:.....\$
2. Estimated Cost of Airfare:.....\$
3. **Total costs (add the amounts written in lines 1+2 here)**.....\$
4. How much can your parents/guardians afford to pay monthly for program fees?\$
5. Multiply the amount in line 4 by 8 months of program, add \$50 for your deposit, and write the total here:.....\$
6. Fundraising Goal (use table estimates)..... \$
7. **Total financial aid request** (subtract lines 5+6 from line 2).....\$
8. Total family income (all guardians) from last year's tax forms\$
9. Total family income (all guardians) for current year (estimated)\$
10. Is your student on the free or reduced lunch program? Y N
11. Number of children and/or dependents in your family.....

Please return this form along with your deposit, to the GL office, or via email to Laurel Twiggs (laurel@glcoca.org), no later than Wednesday, 9/28/16. Once accepted to the program, GL's Program Director, Laurel Twiggs, will contact you to schedule an interview to discuss your award and the financial aid process.

**Please note that GL DOES NOT use financial need to determine whether a student is accepted to the program. GL does not discriminate based on socio-economic status, but rather seeks to eliminate financial barriers to participation.*

OPTIONAL: In the space below, please provide any additional information/narrative for us that will help in determining if you are eligible for financial aid, and if you are eligible, for what amount.