



### **What is the Council Scholar Award Program?**

The Council Scholar Award Program, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, is designed to annually reward outstanding teachers, grades K-12, in Mecklenburg and the surrounding county community who have demonstrated a commitment to, and interest in, international education. This program is supported by **Wells Fargo, Carolinas HealthCare System, Bank of America and UNC Charlotte.**

### **What are the benefits of being a Council Scholar?**

A Council Scholar receives up to \$2500 for an approved program abroad (study tour, language programs, study abroad etc.) or attendance at an international conference, lifetime Council membership, recognition at the World Citizen Award Dinner, invitations to special Council programs and receptions and the opportunity to create and participate in seminars and roundtable discussions with past scholars and experts for curriculum development content enrichment, classroom resources and professional interaction.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

The applicant must be a full-time teacher or staff member **in Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Gaston and Iredell County schools (public or independent)** with significant student contact in grades K-12. He/she needs to have a clear idea of their plan and the impact it will have on their classroom, school and community.

### **What do Council Scholars do?**

Applicants must propose a structured international experience that can include study abroad programs, educator conferences, graduate classes, language classes and study tours with groups. **Self-guided programs and volunteering opportunities abroad (unless you're teaching abroad) will not be considered for the WACC Council Scholar Award program.**

Sample programs include: Worldview (Educators Tour), The East-West Center, Oxbridge Academic Programs, People to People or a program that provides an appropriate language/homestay experience.

### **Examples:**

*\*The WACC doesn't endorse any of these programs. We are providing these links to you as samples of possible programs that may fit into the Council Scholar Program. Some of the programs listed are from 2011-2015, but it will give you an idea of what's available through various organizations and educational institutions. In fact, we encourage you to reach out to possible program partners to find out what would be available for 2017 (\*if it's not published/advertised yet)*

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- Oxbridge Teacher Programs - <http://www.oxbridgeprograms.com/teacher-seminars/>
- Educators Abroad - <http://www.eltap.org/>
- Fulbright Hays Study Abroad - <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html>

- Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Fulbright-Teacher-Exchange-Program#.VzNE6-SVk8l>
- Teach Earth - <http://earthwatch.org/education/teacher-fellowships/teach-earth-united-states>
- Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship: Honoring Excellence in K-12 Geographic Education - <http://nationalgeographic.org/education/programs/grosvenor-teacher-fellowship/>
- Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for ESD - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/ESD#.VzNbq-SVk8l>
- List of conferences (searchable) - <http://www.conferencealerts.com/topic-listing?topic=Language>
- NOAA Teachers at Sea - [http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/#/about/who\\_may\\_apply](http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/#/about/who_may_apply)
- American Councils Abroad (Russian Language Program) - <http://www.acrussiaabroad.org/>
- Goethe Institute (Germany) - <https://www.goethe.de/en/uun/auf/bld/adl.html>
- British Universities Summer School - [http://www.esuus.org/esu/programs/british\\_summer\\_school/](http://www.esuus.org/esu/programs/british_summer_school/)
- China Institute (Study Tours) - <http://www.chinainstitute.org/education/for-educators/study-tour-opportunities>
- Teachers for Global Classrooms Program (TGC) - <https://www.irex.org/projects/teachers-global-classrooms-program-tgc>
- Cuba Educational Tours for North American Educators - <http://www.cubaeducationtravel.net/>
- Summer Fellowship in Korean Studies - <http://www.koreasociety.org/tag/fellowships.html>
- Global Exploration for Educators Organizations - <http://www.geeo.org/>
- National Endowment for the Humanities - <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>
- People to People Ambassador Programs (for Teachers) - <http://peopletopeople.com/for-teachers>
- Belize Summer Teacher Institute - <https://sunycortland-horizons.symplicity.com/index.php?s=programs&mode=form&id=2ce32c890f59bcf0de2063014be1c3c7&au=&ck=>
- Fund For Teachers - <http://www.fundforteachers.org/FellowSearch/index.cfm>
- Toyota International Teacher Program - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/Toyota-International-Teacher-Program>
- Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for ESD - <http://www.iie.org/Programs/ESD>
- Teacher Fellowships (Earth Watch) - <http://earthwatch.org/education/teacher-fellowships>
- NEH Summer Programs in the Humanities for School and College Educators - <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>
- World Conference on Physics Education - <http://www.wcpe2016.org/en/>
- Worldview International Study Visits - <http://worldview.unc.edu/programs/international-study-visits/>
- International Professional Development (AP Classes) - <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/prof-dev/international>
- Summer Intensive Language Program at The Arab-American Language Institute in Morocco <http://ncusar.org/study-abroad/aalim>
- International Teaching Certificate - <http://www.internationalteachercertificate.com/yaounde.asp>
- Summer Seminars Abroad for Spanish Teachers - <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/morgan3/ssast.html>
- EDC 2017 - 12th Annual Education and Development Conference: <http://www.conferencealerts.com/show-event?id=170583>
- National Consortium for Teaching about Asia - <http://www.nctasia.org/asia/index.html>
- International Symposium Elementary Mathematics Teaching - <http://www.semt.cz/>
- BRIDGES FINLAND 2016: Mathematics, Music, Art, Architecture, Education, Culture- <http://bridgesmathart.org/>

- China Institute - <http://www.chinainstitute.org/education/for-educators/study-tour-opportunities/>
- AmeriSpan - <http://www.amerispan.com/educators/>
- Victorian Government Schools - <http://www.study.vic.gov.au/deecd/our-education/educators-professional-development/en/teacher-study-tours.cfm>
- EFT Tours (Australia/New Zealand) - [http://education.wm.edu/centers/sli/events/Study%20Tour/Flyer\\_2013%20SURN%20Study%20Tour\\_Final.pdf](http://education.wm.edu/centers/sli/events/Study%20Tour/Flyer_2013%20SURN%20Study%20Tour_Final.pdf)
- CIEE (Arabic Language) - <http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/jordan/amman/arabic-language/>
- CILFA (French Language) - <http://www.studyabroadlinks.com/search/Detailed/8391.html>
- Asian Conference on Art & Culture - <http://www.acaconference.com/callforpaper.php>
- TESOL Conference 2016 Calendar - <http://www.tesol.org/attend-and-learn/calendar-of-events>

### How many Council Scholars Awards are given out?

Last year, we awarded eight Council Scholar Awards. The number of awards is dependent on available funds, so those amounts may change annually. **Don't let the number of awards influence your decision to apply. Just do it!**

### What is required of the winners?

Upon return, the winners will write a detailed summary of their trip (including itinerary) of at least 10-20 pages and submit photos for the Council to share.

After six months, the winners will report on how the experience has been shared and integrated into the school community. Following that, they will write an update after one year.

Each winner will also submit documentation of upcoming travel expenses before money will be received. Additionally, the winners need to attend the World Citizen Award Dinner, held in the spring of 2017.

They agree to be featured in any promotional materials for the Council, to present about their experiences as much as possible, to be available for questions to future applicants, to use the award by August 31, 2017 and to fill out the required tax forms.

### What is the process like?

Applications will be accepted until **Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 (4 p.m.)**. They will be reviewed and processed for about 2-4 weeks, depending on the number of applications received. Interviews will then take place with the Education Committee in mid-January 2016 and winners will be announced shortly after that.

### What advice can you give me for creating a good application?

**Write well! Follow application instructions. Be passionate, clear, detailed, specific, realistic and well-researched in your plan.** Include the costs associated with your trip, have a good recommendation and express real intention for using your experience in the classroom, with your staff/colleagues and with the parents in your community upon your return.

### How can I get more information?

Applications are available online at [www.worldaffairscharlotte.org](http://www.worldaffairscharlotte.org) (Educational Outreach section.) Please continue to check our website for more information. For any additional information please contact Charlotte Klopp at: [cklopp@worldaffairscharlotte.org](mailto:cklopp@worldaffairscharlotte.org) or call 704-687-7759.