



What is the Council Scholar Award Program?

The Council Scholar Award Program, now in its 25th 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.

Wells Fargo, Atrium Health, Bank of America, UNC Charlotte, and The Page and George Bradham Family Foundation generously support this program.

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. In addition, a council scholar recipient is given 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 will not be considered (unless you are teaching abroad) 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 does not 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 2011-2018, but it will give you an idea of what is 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 2019 (*if it's not published/advertised yet)*

Please note again that we self-guided programs and volunteering abroad opportunities will not be considered (unless you are teaching abroad) for the WACC Council Scholar Award Program.

- Oxbridge Teacher Programs - <https://www.oxbridgeprograms.com/Educator-Journey#subpage-item-1>
- Educators Abroad - <http://www.eltap.org/>
- Fulbright Hays Study Abroad - <https://studyabroad.state.gov/us-government-scholarships-and-programs/programs-us-teachers>
- Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program - <https://www.iese.org/Programs>
- Our Human Family - www.ourhumanfamily.com
- Programs for U.S. Teachers: <https://studyabroad.state.gov/us-government-resources/programs/programs-us-teachers>
- 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.iese.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
- 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/study_abroad_for_teachers/
- Teachers Traveling - <https://www.teachingtraveling.com/2015/11/17/free-travel-for-teachers/>
- 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) - <https://www.peopletopeople.com/teachers/>
- Fund For Teachers - <http://www.fundforteachers.org/fellows.php>
- Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for ESD - <http://www.iese.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>
- Summer Travel China & Teaching Program - <http://www.summerchinatravelandteachingprogram.org/>
- 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
- CIEE (Arabic Language) - <http://www.ciee.org/study-abroad/jordan/amman/arabic-language/>
- TESOL Conference 2016 Calendar - <http://www.tesol.org/attend-and-learn/calendar-of-events>
- Teacher Travel Abroad Opportunity - <https://sites.google.com/site/globaledwa/teacher-travel-study-abroad-opportunities>
- Teachers for Global Conference Programs: <https://www.irex.org/project/teachers-global-classrooms-program-tgc>
- Volunteer Teaching Abroad Programs: <https://www.goverseas.com/volunteer-abroad/teaching>

How many Council Scholars Awards are given out?

Last year, we awarded ten grants totaling \$25,000. Each educator received up to \$2,500. The number of awards is dependent on available funds, so those amounts may change annually.

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, 2019 and to fill out the required tax forms.

What is the process like?

Applications will be accepted until **Wednesday, October 31st (4 p.m.)**. All application will be reviewed before candidates are contacted for the next stage of the process. Those selected for the interview portion of the application process will be notified by early January 2019. Interviews will then take place with the Education Committee in late-January 2018 or early February 2017 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 proposal.

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 (Educational Outreach section.) Please continue to check our website for more information. For any additional information, please contact Charlotte Klopp at cklopp@worldaffairscharlotte.org or call 704-687-7759.