

## **SAMPLE FORM WITH QUESTIONS FROM THE APPLICATION**

**World Affairs Council of Charlotte**

**2025–2026 Council Scholar Application**

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte is pleased to announce the **Margaret Gragg Bissell 2025-2026 Council Scholar Award Program**. The Council Scholar Program offers a unique opportunity for selected educators to travel out of the country and bring their experiences abroad home to their school community in North Carolina.

We are seeking internationally minded K-12 public, charter, and independent school educators and administrators who are passionate about bringing global perspectives into their classrooms. The Council Scholar Award Program provides up to \$3,500 for international professional development opportunities.

 **Application Deadline:** Friday, January 16, 2026

 **Submit questions to:** [cklopp@charlotte.edu](mailto:cklopp@charlotte.edu) or call 704-687-7759 (direct)

The [World Affairs Council of Charlotte](#) is committed to the expansion of international education in area schools. The Council Scholar Award Program is designed to annually recognize 10-12 outstanding teachers or administrators, grades K-12, in our community who have demonstrated a commitment to international education.

**Open to K-12 educators in the following counties:** Mecklenburg, Union, Gaston, Cabarrus, Iredell, and Lincoln County

*Email*

*First Name*

*Last Name*

*Mailing Address*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

*Secondary Email Address (if applicable)*

*Phone Number*

*Alternate Phone Number*

*School Name*

*Principal's Name*

*Number of Years at Present School*

*Total Years of Teaching*

*Current Grade Teaching (or Taught)*

*Subject Area(s) Taught*

*Degrees & Institutions*

*Additional Teaching Experience (if applicable)*

### **Application Questionnaire**

Please answer each of the following questions in **detail**. Responses should demonstrate your international perspective, plans, and goals as an educator.

- Limit: ~1–1.5 typed pages (approximately 500–600 words) per question.
- Be as specific as possible. General or incomplete answers may result in your application being returned for revision.
- If you reference a program, conference, or course, include the **website** and **estimated cost** when available.

**Describe your international travel experience and how you've shared it with your school community. If no prior travel, describe other ways you've encouraged a global perspective. (~1–1.5 pages).**

**Describe your plan for the award, including how you learned about it, program details, costs, rationale, and specific activities you will do. Be detailed (~1–1.5 pages).**

**Explain how this experience will significantly influence your interactions with students, staff, and parents. Provide specific examples (~1–1.5 pages).**

**Outline your goals for incorporating international education into your classroom over the next two years. Be specific about the strategies you intend to use (~1–1.5 pages).**

## **Budget Information**

Please [download the template on our website](#) and upload as requested below

These are estimated costs and we understand that market conditions and timing dictate changes on pricing on travel and programs.

## **Statement of Support**

A **letter of support is required** for your application to be considered. This statement must be completed by your **school principal** or your **immediate supervisor if you are in an administrative role**.

The statement should briefly describe your passion for international education, your effectiveness as an educator, and the impact your participation in the Council Scholar Program would have on your school community.

*Applicant's Name*

*School Name*

*Upload Statement of Support (Principal or Supervising Administrator)*

*Final Declarations*

*Description (optional)*

*Signature (Print Your Name)*

*Submission Instructions*

## **Submission Instructions**

Thank you for submitting your application. Completed applications must be received electronically by **Friday, January 15, 2026**.

Award recipients will be announced in **early March 2026**.