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HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL USA ANNOUNCES CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR ANNUAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE THE WORLD

20 Scholarships Available for Aspiring World Travelers

Silver Spring, MD– September 24, 2024 – [Hostelling International USA](#) (HI USA) has announced that submission for entries for its annual travel scholarship program, [Explore the World](#), is now open. The program, which allows deserving young adults the opportunity to travel abroad for volunteer, educational and vocational opportunities, will award 20 scholarships overall to young people around the U.S.

HI USA will award \$45,000 in travel scholarships to young people aged 18-30 who demonstrate financial need. As in 2023, they will offer two categories of travel scholarships: 15 scholarships will be awarded to those with passports and five to those without passports and HI USA will assist these awardees in applying for and obtaining their passport. Scholarship amounts range from \$2-3,000 per recipient.

As a nonprofit organization with the belief in the power of travel to foster a deeper understanding of people, places, and the world, HI USA believes everyone should be able to experience the transformative power of travel, regardless of socioeconomic status. For this reason, eligible candidates must be past or former Pell Grant recipients or with income not to exceed 300% of the poverty line.

“We are thrilled to continue to offer deserving young people the opportunity to travel abroad. The Explore the World travel scholarship program is designed to assist young adults in underserved communities in realizing their travel dreams, whether for an educational, professional, or volunteer opportunity,” said HI USA CEO Russ Hedge. “We received very positive feedback to our category for those without passports so are pleased to be able to offer that again and help more young people experience the transformative power of travel.”

In addition to the financial support, the scholarship includes a lifetime membership to HI USA. Applications are now open and will be accepted until October 25 and recipients will be notified on December 2, 2025. Travel must be taken between March 8, 2025 and August 13, 2026.

More details on the different travel scholarship categories, application and eligibility can be found at www.hiusa.org/travel-scholarships. Explore the World is administered by volunteers nationwide who believe in HI USA’s mission and purpose.

For more information about HI USA or to make a reservation at one of its hostels, visit hiusa.org or [@hiusa](#).

About HI USA

Hostelling International USA (HI USA) is a nonprofit, member organization founded on an enduring belief in the power of travel to foster a deeper understanding of people, places, and the world. HI USA promotes a dynamic community of global citizens who have the wisdom and humanity to actively make the world a better place. As the nation's leading hostel brand, HI USA hosts more than 600,000 overnight stays each year, with guests from more than 100 countries. For over 80 years, HI USA has provided a network of affordable hostels in converted mansions, reinvented lighthouses, and historic urban buildings across the country. HI USA was named best hostel chain in the US in the 2023 Hoscars, awarded by [Hostel World Group](#). Visit hiusa.org for more information. HI USA is part of Hostelling International (HI), a collection of hostels in nearly 90 countries, whose roots stretch back to the beginning of the hostelling movement more than 100 years ago. The HI brand is a seal of approval recognized around the world.

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