

# **The Friendship Force of Lincoln**

## **Qualifications, Criteria, and Application for a Travel Grant**

### **Limitations:**

1. The grant amount is limited to 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the total cost of coach airfare, journey, and additional tour expenses, but shall not exceed \$2,000. It does not cover optional and personal expenses such as passport, visa fees, and insurance.
2. A member is awarded a grant only once.
3. A member must use the grant within 3 years, or it will revert to FFL's scholarship fund.
4. A member must use the grant only towards a Friendship Force of Lincoln or an FFI journey.

### **Qualification Criteria for Travel Grant: Applicants must:**

1. Complete an application. See attached.
2. Support the goals and objectives of Friendship Force.
3. Demonstrate openness to other cultures and people.
4. Be willing to share journey experiences with others upon return.
5. Be physically able to participate in all journey activities.
6. Have not previously traveled outside of North America. However, the Board may waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances.
7. Demonstrate financial need.
8. If under 18 years old, one must travel with an adult.

### **Review Process for Travel Grants. The Scholarship Committee shall:**

1. Review all applications.
2. Personally interview each applicant
3. Accept the Committee Chair's recommendation about financial need.

### **Award Procedures:**

1. Recommend a course of action to the Board of Directors.
2. Approval of grant awards shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors will decide within six weeks.
4. The Board will notify applicants in writing about the disposition of their application.
5. The number of grants awarded may vary from year to year. The Board reserves the right to refrain from granting an award in any given year.

# Travel Grant Application

Please copy and paste this page on a separate Word document. Type right into the document as you answer the questions. Save the document, attach a copy, and send it to the vice president. Scan and attach any necessary documents.

## A. Vital Information

Date:

Phone number:

Email address:

## B. Answer the questions 1 - 4 in 1500 words or less.

1. Why are you interested in participating in a Friendship Force Journey?
2. Why and how you would be a good international representative?
3. What benefits do you anticipate for you, your community, and FFL by your participation in a journey?
4. What skills can you contribute to FFL to further its mission and encourage others to participate in the club's activities?

**C. Provide evidence of financial need.** The preferred way to do this is to provide a copy of his/her and/or his/her parents' latest Federal Income Tax Return. Only the Scholarship Committee Chair will review the Tax Return before the interview.

**D. Qualification Criteria for Travel Grants** – In addition to the 1500-word essay, applicants must:

1. Support the goals and objectives of Friendship Force. Please initial. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Demonstrate openness to other cultures and people. Please initial. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Be physically able to participate in all journey activities. Please initial. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I have not previously traveled outside of North America; however, the Board may waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances. Please initial. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Demonstrate financial need. Include the enclosure.
6. If under 18 years of age, one must travel with an adult. Please include the name of the adult.
7. Send the document(s) to the Vice President, Midge Dublinske at [midge.dublinske@gmail.com](mailto:midge.dublinske@gmail.com)

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