

After completing and submitting the online Aspen Sister Cities Student Exchange application (approximately **1-2 pages maximum):**

1. Research your first choice Sister City Exchange city and country using reference books and/or online resources. You just need to research your first choice even though you may apply to multiple cities.

2. After researching your first choice Sister City, write an informational essay about the similarities and differences between Aspen and that Sister City. There is not a set length, but the student must demonstrate knowledge comparing the two cities. *Please add links (or book titles) used in your research to the end of your essay.**

3. Submit your research paper along with an optional photo of you and your family (photo can be printed on regular printer paper) to the Sister Cities mailbox in the AMS front office or to Sarah Graber, to the front office/Jon Bender of Aspen Country Day School, or to Satya Leidner at Aspen Community School.

4. The informational research essay and optional family photo are due along with the application submission by the application deadline. If applying for a scholarship, the form is due after being accepted into the program and when committing to participate.

5. The student and family will be contacted after the application submission date to schedule an interview that will take place in January or early February.