

2027 Muirlands East Coast Excursion Financial Aid/Scholarship Application

May 2026

Dear Students:

We are pleased that you would like to participate in the upcoming East Coast Excursion. We understand that you would like to apply for financial assistance to help cover the cost of the tour. On the following pages, you will find our East Coast Excursion Financial Aid Application information. Use the checklist on the following page to guide your way through.

A financial aid fund has been established for the 2027 trip. Partial award amounts will be given according to financial need. Since funds are limited, all applicants are **not** assured of receiving financial assistance.

All applicants must meet eligibility requirements (no "U" and no more than one "I" in citizenship, 2.0 academics) and all deadlines must be met. In order to qualify for financial aid, you must be registered for the tour with EF Tours. **The financial aid application must be filled out, signed by you and your parents/guardians, and returned with your essay and a copy of your family's 2025 income tax to Laura Preisman virtually at muirlandsece@gmail.com. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THESE REQUIREMENTS.**

Once all applicants have been notified of their scholarship status, individual payment plans will be established. All applications and tax information provided will be shredded after decisions have been made unless requested to be returned.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please email Laura Preisman at muirlandsece@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Muirlands East Coast Excursion.

Laura Preisman

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Muirlands East Coast Excursion Group Leader

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- Financial aid recipients must meet the same requirements and deadlines to be met by any other student.
- Aid is based strictly on financial need. **If you apply for aid, all applications and paperwork are due to Laura Preisman virtually at muirlandsece@gmail.com. There will be no exceptions.**
- Applications will be accompanied by an essay about why the expedition is important to you and a copy of your parents' 2025 income tax return.

Paperwork Checklist

Completed Application (both sides) _____

Application signed by student and parents/guardians _____

Typed Essay _____

Signed Copy of 2025 Income Tax Return _____
(tax returns and any other personal information will be shredded after scholarships have been awarded)

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Students should review the itinerary of the tour and submit a final, typed draft to the scholarship committee. The essay should be no more than one page in length and double-spaced.

LATE ESSAYS AND APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Student Financial Aid Essay Topic

What historic sites included in this year's tour are of greatest interest to you as a young historian, and why? How do you expect to grow, as a history student and as a person, as a result of your participation in this special study opportunity?

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All information given on this form will be kept strictly confidential and used solely to determine eligibility and the amount of scholarship assistance for the Muirlands East Coast Expedition. Please remember to attach a signed copy of your 2025 tax return for both parents and any adult who provides financial support to the applicant. In completing this application you are agreeing to participate in any fundraising activities the school may sponsor. **It is the responsibility of every family to contribute the maximum amount possible to pay for this optional educational activity.** Any incomplete, unexplained, or misleading information may hinder the ability of the scholarship committee to make a favorable decision.

Student Name			
Address	City	Zip	Phone
Father's name	Mother's Name	Siblings (ages)	
Do you own/rent your house?		Monthly mortgage/rent?	
Who lives with the applicant? (check all that apply)			
☐ Father ☐ Mother	☐ Step-parent ☐ Grandparent	☐ Guradian ☐ Other _____	
Are you currently receiving free/reduced lunch through the school?			
Income			
Father's occupation _____ Company _____ Annual Salary _____			
Mother's occupation _____ Company _____ Annual Salary _____			
Other Income _____ Company _____ Annual Salary _____			
Are you receiving public assistance (AFDC)?			
		If yes, monthly amount? _____	
Child support?		If yes, monthly amount? _____	
Alimony?		If yes, monthly amount? _____	

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To assist in determining the amount of aid required, please complete the following. Keep in mind that scholarships are available in partial amounts. **A portion of your trip's expenses should be met by your family's efforts.** Please detail the amounts the student will save in the remaining weeks before the trip.

- A. Weekly allowance & earnings _____ X 16 weeks before the tour = _____
- B. Weekly contribution from parents _____ X 16 weeks before the tour = _____
- C. Amount of other assistance expected (grandparents, etc.) = _____
- D. Total Family Contribution (add A, B, and C) = _____
- E. The cost of this year's tour (less \$95 registration fee) \$3600
- F. The amount of scholarship aid I am applying for (subtract D from E) = _____

***If you need additional space to explain your financial need, please use a separate sheet of paper.

I am sincerely interested in participating in the Muirlands East Coast Excursion , and am willing to put forward my best efforts to earn the cost of the tour.

Student signature _____ Date _____

I support my student's desire to participate on this trip and verify that the information submitted on this application is true.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Please initial (if applicable) _____