

2024-2025 Ellis Award for International Travel Application



This year the Ellis Award will provide financial assistance in the amount of \$3,000 per student to four eligible winners to take part in international travel offered by Trinity Prep faculty. This award is sponsored by the Trinity Parents Organization and funded by the Trinity Auction. It was established in honor of Trinity Prep's second headmaster, H. Benton Ellis.

Eligible Spring & Summer Trips 2025

WWII Tour | March 2025 | Mrs. Grenz

The 2024-2025 American High School Theatre Festival | Summer 2025 | Ms. Papin

Thailand Service Trip | Summer 2025 | Ms. Smith

Cape Town SA (Robotics & Jazz Band Students) | Summer 2025 | Mr. Podchaski & Mrs. Armstrong

Rules for applications:

1. Applications are due on **Monday, October 14th @ 3:00 p.m.** to Ms. Rizzo in the Upper School Office, located in Stuart Hall. Your application must be printed and turned in with this page signed by a parent.
2. All applications should be typed in English.
3. Applicants should write an essay answering each of the questions below.
4. Include your name and grade at the top of each page.
5. Students between the grades 9 through 11 are eligible to apply for any trip. Seniors are only eligible to apply for spring break trips.
6. Students are eligible to win the award only once during their time at Trinity Prep.
7. If the award goes unused by the student for the 2024-25 school year, the award must be returned to the Trinity Parents Organization Auction Fund.
8. If you do not have a valid passport, your parent/guardian should provide a letter agreeing to obtain the passport before the trip.
9. To claim the award, you or the teacher leading your trip must contact the Business Office to have your scholarship applied towards your trip fees.
10. Winners of the award will be asked to give a short presentation about their trip at the following year's Ellis Award assembly, usually held in the first semester.
11. Dishonesty in any form will result in disqualification and potential disciplinary action.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

I understand that my son or daughter is applying for the Ellis Award for International Travel, which provides scholarships of \$3,000 to be applied towards the total cost of one of the trips listed above.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application questions:

1. What inspired you to apply for this award?
2. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States? Where did you go?
3. Have you ever had to communicate with someone who did not speak English? Describe the experience.
4. Describe any trips taken, domestically or abroad, without a parent or close family member with you.
5. Describe any trips taken during the past three years and any challenges encountered.
6. Which trip are you interested in taking, and how would you prepare for it?
7. What would you hope to gain from the trip, and how would you share your experience with your school community?

Timeline:

Friday, September 13th: Application is available online.

Tuesday, September 17th: Ellis Award Presentation made at the Upper School Assembly. The eligible trips and application link are provided at this presentation and will be available online.

Thursday, October 10th: Ellis Award Applications Due to Ms. Rizzo in the Upper School office by 3pm. Late applications will not be accepted.

Wednesday, November 6th: Ellis Award winners announced during the Upper School Assembly

Who to contact if you have questions:

Questions about specific trips should be directed to the Lead Trip Teacher.

Questions about the application, process, payment etc

Mary Ranson, Ellis Award Chair

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This is a need-blind award. Applicants' names will be removed from their application once submitted. The responses will be judged and winners selected based on the answers to the applications questions.