## 2026-2027 Ellis Award for International Travel Application

This year, the Ellis Award will provide $3,000 in financial assistance per student to four eligible winners to participate in international travel offered by Trinity Prep faculty. The Trinity Parents Organization sponsors this award. It was established in honor of Trinity Prep's second headmaster, H. Benton Ellis.

**Eligible Spring & Summer Trips 2027**

The Western Front / Interim 2 / Mrs. Grenz
Germany/Netherlands / Interim / Ms. Scott
Peru / Spring Break / Ms. Spallone

### Rules for applications:

1. Applications are due on **Thursday, October 8 @ 3:30 p.m.** to Ms. Rizzo in the Upper School Office, located in Stuart Hall. Print your application and turn it 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. Include your name and grade at the top of each page.
4. Students in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to apply for any trip.
5. Students are eligible to win the award only once during their time at Trinity Prep. If the award goes unused by the student for the 2026-27 school year, the award must be returned to Trinity Prep's Business Office.
6. If you do not have a valid passport, your parent/guardian should provide a letter agreeing to obtain the passport before the trip.
7. To claim the award, you or the teacher leading your trip must contact the Business Office to apply your scholarship toward your trip fees.
8. 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.
9. 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 toward 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:

**Thursday, October 8**: Ellis Award applications due to Ms. Rizzo in the Upper School office by 3:30 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.

## Who to contact if you have questions:

*Questions about specific trips should be directed to the lead trip faculty member.*

*Questions about the application, process, payment, etc*
Mary Ranson, Ellis Award Chair
Cell: 407.284.0038
Email: MEL75MEL@AOL.COM

*This is a need-blind award. We will remove applicants' names from their applications once submitted. We will judge responses and select winners based on the answers to the application questions.*