



STUDENT APPLICATION RESOURCES AND HELP

Welcome to the Dream Project! This sheet offers you tips, ideas, and resources to help you complete the application. It is important to note that while we are an outdoor film festival, there is **NO OUTDOOR REQUIREMENT** for this project. We only request that you take on a project that will challenge you, have you learn and reflect, and give back to the community you visit. In addition, while some recipients raise additional funds for their projects, we believe that there are many trips that stay within the \$1,500 budget. Recipients are evaluated on their passion, their described relation to the 5 guiding principles, how the project benefits all parties involved, and overall feasibility of the project.

○ SECTION I: Who Are You?

- This section is intended to give us insight into your personality and what your passions are. We encourage you to be creative: make a photo collage or a photo timeline, create short film, write an essay, etc... If you need help brainstorming ideas, you can write about a certain event in your life, a person you look-up to and why, one of your passions in life and why it is important, or even create a timeline of the important events of your life. In the end, to give us a look into whom you are.
- We do not put a length on this section, but you should give us enough content to get an overall understanding of your character.

○ SECTION II: What is your dream?

- This section was created to understand your dream, your passion, and what is inspiring you to apply. There are a lot of questions in this section, but keep focusing on why you want to do a Dream Project. Is there someone in your life that did something that makes you want to follow in his or her footsteps? Did you have an experience that makes you want to return to a certain place, cause, or community?
- One of the main things that we look for in the application is how you relate to 5Point Film's guiding principles (Respect, Commitment, Humility, Purpose, and Balance). As an organization, we highly value learning from our experiences, bettering ourselves, and giving back to communities. We, therefore, would like to know how you would do the same. How do you see yourself applying aspects of respect to your project? Learning about and/or applying commitment? Being humbled by an experience? Challenging aspects of your current purposes or balances in life? How will you be contributing to a certain community? These are just some of the questions you can ask yourself,

but we just want to know how you are going to challenge yourself, learn, and come out of your project with real life lessons.

- This section can also be a variety of forms. You may create a film, a radio-style recording, an essay, etc. Length must be at least one page or equivalent (minimum).
- **SECTION III: How will you achieve your dream?**
 - This section is for you to describe the project that you want to take on. Is there an existing program that you plan to join? Do you know someone, or a group, that you can work with? We have had students work at existing orphanages, ski and volunteer with filmmakers, and volunteer with a malaria education group. You can also independently create your own project without joining a group, but we need to see that you have thought about all aspects of your project in detail. Where will you stay and eat? What type of transportation will you use to travel? Do you need a visa, passport or vaccinations? We want to know that you have thought out your project and that you can complete it based on your description.
 - You will need to create a budget for the \$1,500 allotted for your project. This could include: housing, flights, food, emergency funds if needed, visa fees, vaccinations, fees for a program you may be joining, additional clothes, supplies, or equipment, etc... links for some of these are provided at the end.
 - To let us know that you have fully thought out your project, you should also include any potential dangers or problems that could arise, and how you would deal with them. If you are traveling abroad, is there a US embassy near you? Are there any significant cultural differences you need to be aware of? Are there any aspects of the project that could be overwhelming?

Passports and Visas: <http://www.passportsandvisas.com/visas/>

US Embassy Locations: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>

Cost of Flights: www.kayak.com

Vaccinations: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list.htm>

Country Information: http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_4965.html

Tips for Traveling Abroad: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/tips_1232.html

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Fill out application details (name, school, address, etc...)
- Complete ALL THREE application questions
- Have advocate fill out reference form
- Get required signatures from parent/guardian and principal/headmaster
- Submit all elements of application BY MARCH 3rd, 2014

TIPS AND NOTES FOR APPLICATION:

- Always proof read and edit! Mistakes show carelessness. Ask a friend, teacher, or even Tracy at 5Point to read over your application.
- What if my project isn't outdoorsy or extreme enough? No worries, we like new ideas and equally consider ALL TYPES of dream projects!
- Help? If you need more help, ask us for help! We are happy to help you with any issues or questions you are having. Call, email, write, or send a carrier pigeon to Tracy. She is here to help you build your dream up!
- Do I need to go abroad or raise more money? You may raise funds in addition to the \$1,500, but there are infinite projects you can create within the allotted budget. You can go abroad, to another state, or even create a project within your own community!
- Is it clearly feasible? We need to be very confident that you could complete your project if approved.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:

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Thank you so much for your interest in the Dream Project! We hope that you find these resources helpful, but if you need any additional help, do not hesitate to contact us. This is a great opportunity for you to explore, meet new people, and have a life changing experience, and we want to help you reach those dreams!

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