



English in Action
Secondary School Exchange

APPLICATION FORM FOR 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR
STUDENT APPLICATION

Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

☐ Day -or ☐ Boarder (check one) Graduation Date: _____

Home Address: _____

School Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

(month/day/year)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent Email: _____ Additional Parent Email: _____

STUDENT BACKGROUND

If attaching resume, please limit to three pages.

Scholarships, Honors, Extracurricular Activities:

Special Interests and Sports:

Work Experience (Briefly describe any employment, paid or volunteer):

A NOTE ON PLACEMENT:

Although every effort is made to place students in schools to which they would be best suited, please note that there are no urban, co-educational British boarding schools in London which offer places to ESU students. Most of the British schools participating in the Exchange are single-sex and are in the suburbs or the countryside. Please understand that it is not possible to meet everyone's preferences.

SSE students may be placed in either Upper Sixth/Year 13 (US 12th grade) or Lower Sixth/Year 12 (US 11th grade). This decision will be made by the school when accepting the American student placement, and SSE scholars are expected to accept to their school's decision and to adhere to all rules and expectations set out by the British host school.

Most schools will have many British day students, but boarding communities are significantly populated by international students, some of whom speak English as their second language.

Willingness and ability to adapt to a different environment and to advocate on your own behalf when necessary are some of the life skills learned from the SSE scholarship.

TRANSCRIPT & TEST SCORES

Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript and your standardized test scores (ACT and/or SAT). Unofficial copies are perfectly acceptable.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Please attach an original essay (one to two pages, typed) which conveys something about your interests, philosophy, or experiences. Feel free to submit an appropriate essay that you have used as a part of the college application process. Additional writing samples will be administered at the time of your interview.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

By checking each box and signing at the bottom, I affirm my understanding and acceptance of the following financial obligations to participate in the program.

- ☐ A non-refundable administrative program fee of \$2,000 is required upon placement at a British school.
- ☐ The UK student visa is an expensive and lengthy process. The student visa requirements and fees are constantly subject to change (and usually increase) by the UK Consulate. The visa fee (including an International Healthcare Surcharge fee) is approximately \$1,000 (as of June 2017). The ESU **strongly** encourages students to use an approved visa expeditor company, whose fees are approximately \$500.
- ☐ The SSE scholarship provides students with tuition, room, and board. However, the additional cost of transatlantic travel, incidental expenses, uniforms if required, and maintenance during vacations, is not included. The total of these potential costs is estimated to be \$8,000+ and must be paid by the student's family.
- ☐ All personal bills incurred during the year will be paid in full before the end of the academic year.
- ☐ Some British schools require a deposit at the beginning of the year of up to \$1,300 and others require a deposit, payable at the beginning of each term, to cover the cost of books, equipment, or personal expenses which the student may incur.
- ☐ Some British schools require guardians for international students. Any associated costs (potentially \$1,300+) are not covered by the scholarship and must be covered by the student and their family.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

By checking each box and signing at the bottom, I affirm that the following statements are true and correct. In the event that I am awarded a scholarship:

- ☐ I will definitely accept.
- ☐ I will provide a letter of deferral from the American college/university to which I have been admitted.
- ☐ I will abide by the rules and regulations of the host school, undertake a full academic program including taking A-level or IB exams if required by the British school, and remain for the full academic year which begins in September and ends in July.
- ☐ I will keep the ESU London informed of my whereabouts throughout the year, especially in the event of a premature departure (prior to July 2018).
- ☐ I will provide the ESU US with reports and photographs (if available) at the end of each term in the UK.
- ☐ I understand that in case I fail to maintain a satisfactory record, or my conduct is considered prejudicial to the best interests of the Exchange, my scholarship will be withdrawn.
- ☐ I will return to the US immediately in the event of my withdrawal from my British school whether this is voluntary or involuntary.
- ☐ I will return to the US to attend college or university after my year in the UK.
- ☐ I will not use illegal or harmful drugs while participating in the Exchange.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Please note: Your application will not be considered complete until all components are submitted to the ESU by **January 29, 2018**.

- ☐ Student Application
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Application
- ☐ School Form (*your referrer should submit this directly to the ESU*)
- ☐ Medical Form