

Oak Park River Forest High School Linda Solomon Levine Travel Award 2018-2019

Purpose:

The Linda Solomon Levine Travel Award will provide opportunities for **African American students to participate in an overseas travel program offered by Oak Park River Forest High School**. This program is funded by the Solomon/Levine family through the Oak Park and River Forest High School Scholarship Foundation. A scholarship, not to exceed \$2500, will be awarded annually to one or more students during the school year. This is a need-based scholarship.

Application Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a current OPRFHS **African American student** interested in broadening his/her perspective and expanding his/her cultural awareness by **traveling overseas**. The activity must be offered through Oak Park River Forest High School.
2. Preference will be given to a student who will **stay with a host family** for at least part of the time.
3. Student must **explain financial** need as indicated in the essay portion of the application, **and must provide evidence of this financial need** (for example, parents' income tax return, pay stub, book fees waiver, etc.)
4. Student must provide a **letter of recommendation** by a teacher or counselor.
5. Student may be required to interview with a selection committee selected by the Solomon/Levine family.
6. Within a month after returning from the trip, the winner **must complete and submit a brief questionnaire** about his experience.
7. If for any reason, the program of study is not accomplished, all scholarship grant funds must be returned.
8. All parts of the application must be completed in order for a prospective applicant to be considered.

Selection Process:

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Solomon/Levine Family Travel Award Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors of the Oak Park-River Forest High School Scholarship Foundation. If necessary, the committee will hold interviews. All applicants will be screened for financial need. Applicants will be notified of scholarship awards as soon as possible.

Application Deadline:

November 1, 2018.

All African American students are encouraged to apply. This is not an academic award.

THE LINDA SOLOMON LEVINE TRAVEL AWARD 2018-19

Scholarship Application

Completed applications must be returned to the Student Activity Office, Room 174, by **Thursday, November 1, 2018.**

It is also your responsibility to have teacher or counselor submit a letter of recommendation in order to complete the application process. This recommendation should be in signed/sealed envelope and submitted **with the application** to the Student Activity Center.

Provide all of the following information: (Remember, your application and letter of recommendation are our only methods of selection. **Include any financial documents and/or supporting information you feel appropriate.**)

Student Name

Parent Name and Address

Telephone Number

Year in School and ID number

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Teacher sponsoring the trip

Best time and method to reach you for any additional information or an interview.

Answer these questions carefully and completely and attach any appropriate supporting documents, **including evidence for financial need.**

1. Describe the proposed overseas travel experience including when and where it will take place, its purpose and activities. You may also attach any information, if you'd like.
2. Itemize the total costs of the trip and explain in detail your financial need and **provide evidence of this financial need (income tax return, etc.). This is a major factor in awarding the scholarship.**
3. Explain what you hope to accomplish by participating in this activity and what it means to you to be able to participate.