



Crystal Fund

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Grants for Enrichment Programs

Over the past twelve years, 2,095 young men and women have received enrichment grants from the Crystal Fund amounting to over \$5.2 million in support of extended cultural or educational experiences away from home.

Grantees aged 13-19 years receive up to \$4,000 per person to support a range of enrichment experiences including cultural exchange, community service, college experience, environmental programs, boarding schools, sports and language programs.

Travel destinations include US, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa. Examples:

- Culture/Language/Community Service programs abroad (AFS, Road Less Traveled, CIEE)
- Académie Américaine de Danse de Paris
- Language Programs (Concordia Language Villages)
- College Summer Programs (Washington, Spelman, Michigan, Stanford, etc.)
- Boarding School programs (Exeter, Cushing, Choate Rosemary Hall)
- Girl Scouts, Europe
- Junior State of America (JSA)
- School of Creative and Performing Arts, New York
- Small Fry Tournament (Basketball)
- National Debate program
- Colombian Youth Exchange (Afro-Colombian culture)

To apply for a Crystal Grant visit: oprfcf.org/for-students/enrichment-grants

Note:

- **Students cannot apply directly. Ask your counselor, teacher or mentor to apply on your behalf.**
- **Trips must be at least 2 weeks long.**
- **Grants are targeted for low income households. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.**
- **School trips and trips with family or friends are not eligible for funding.**
- **Applicants must be in good academic standing.**

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Quotes from previous participants:

"I became more independent and open minded."

"I tried new food."

"I made friends from ten different states and two countries."

"I experienced rich community values."

"Before this experience, I constantly doubted my ability to succeed in college. I am now confident that I will do well."

"This was my first time traveling alone and taking care of myself on my own. It was a great experience and a lot of fun."



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