

**FBISD Global Studies Academy
Travel Grant Application Checklist**

General Instructions: Provide all information below. Attach all information to this checklist

Student Name: _____

Student ID number: _____

Please check/circle each item and attach them to this checklist if requested.

___ *I am enrolled / I am not yet enrolled* in the Travel Program

___ I plan to travel to _____ Primary Language of Study _____

___ Attach a one-page typed essay (12-point font) on the topic assigned by the GSA Travel Grant Committee. This is part of your application and will be read by the Travel Grant Committee. Please put your student identification number on your essay. Do not put your name on the essay. **Essay prompt: *How will the travel benefit you in the future?* Please include your destination and primary language of study in your essay.**

___ Completed GSA Travel Grant Application

___ GSA Travel Grant Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form given to the student's most recent foreign language teacher or other Academy teacher most relevant to content of travel abroad. In the case of the student being enrolled in more than one foreign language, select the language teacher that is most relevant to the trip.

Certification:

I certify that all information contained in this application packet is true and factual. I understand that the GSA Travel Grant Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form specified above will be kept confidential and I therefore will not be able to view the completed form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent Membership Clarification:

I have reviewed my child's responses and certify that they are correct. I understand that the GSA Travel Grant Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form specified above will be kept confidential and I therefore will not be able to view the completed form.

Name of Parent (Please print): _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

FBISD Global Studies Academy Travel Grant Application Form

General Instructions: Answer all questions to the best of your ability and follow instructions completely. The selection of travel grant recipients will be influenced by the thoroughness of replies, neatness, legibility, punctuality, and demonstrated ability to follow instructions. The Travel Grant Committee will review your application. Travel Grant recipients will be chosen by the Travel Grant Committee. Please type or print using black ink. In order for students to be eligible for a travel grant, they must be in the GSA, be in good standing in the Academy, and be currently enrolled in an approved travel abroad program.

I. Administrative Information

1. Student ID number: _____ Year of Graduation: Class of _____

Primary Language of Study _____

Student must be enrolled in the GSA during the application period and the date of the trip in order to be eligible for a travel grant.

2. Is student currently in good standing in the Global Studies Academy? **Yes / No**

Signature of GSA Coordinator

Signature

Date

3. Are you or have you ever been on GSA academic or requirement probation? **Yes / No**

If yes, list the dates (semester and year) and any relevant information.

Example: *Fall 2014 – 69 in Geometry. Out of school 10 days for surgery.*

4. Provide the name of the group you are traveling with, the dates, and the destinations. Briefly describe the educational value of your trip and how it will benefit your language or cultural study. Is this trip to a country of your primary language of study and does it include structured learning (e.g., service project, etc.)? Also, will you be staying with a host family?

5. Are there any extenuating circumstances that contribute to your need for a GSA travel grant?
If so, please describe below.

II. Global Studies Academy Activities

6. Global Studies Academy Leadership Roles
Please list leadership positions in the **Global Studies Academy** in which you have been involved in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. **Note:** *This could include selected/elected positions, mentors, temporary committees, GIS Chairs, guest presenters, new initiatives, etc.*

Position Held	Circle Grade(s)
	9 10 11 12
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7. Global Studies Activity Involvement

Please list **activities in the Global Studies Academy** in which you have been involved in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Please limit the list of activities to 6 or less. *This could include organizing an extra event or taking strong leadership in an event, taking part in an academy-wide event such as Partnership Walk, etc.*

Name of Organization/Event	Activity	Circle Grade(s) 9 10 11 12
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III. Non-Global Studies Academy Activities

8. Non-Global Studies Academy Leadership and Organization Involvement

Please list **Non-Global Studies Academy** activities that you are involved with or have been involved with in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. *Only freshmen may list 8th grade activities.* Describe involvement in the organization and specify any leadership or position held in the organization. If none, put N/A.

Name of Organization and Contact Information	Involvement	Circle Grade(s) 8 9 10 11 12
	<i>Position Held:</i>	8 9 10 11 12
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	<i>Position Held:</i>	8 9 10 11 12
	<i>Position Held:</i>	8 9 10 11 12

IV. Special Recognition, Awards, and Honors

9. List special recognition, awards, and honors at the national, state, county, city, or school level, especially if they are related to global studies. ***Only freshmen may list special recognition, awards, and honors received in 8th grade.*** List up to **three** that mean the most to you. Limit the responses to the space provided. Do not repeat items.

Special Recognition/Award/Honor	Grade Received Award	Brief Explanation
1.	8 9 10 11 12	
2.	8 9 10 11 12	
3.	8 9 10 11 12	

V. Past International Trips

10. List international trips that you have taken within the past four years. Limit the responses to the space provided.

Type of Travel (recreational, family, educational, mission, etc.)	Destination Cities and Countries	Date of Travel	Trip Duration in Days	Traveled to a Country of your Primary Language?

Travel Grant Teacher Letter of Recommendation Form

Student ID number: _____

Dear Teacher,

The student who gave you this form is applying for a travel grant from the Global Studies Academy Booster Club to support his/her participation in a trip abroad. The evaluation committee requests a recommendation from the student's most recent foreign language teacher or Academy teacher most relevant to the trip, or in the case that the student has more than one foreign language teacher, then the one whose language is most relevant to the trip. Please check the statement below that best describes your opinion regarding this student's participation in a travel program. If you are not the teacher sponsoring the trip in question, try to imagine yourself in that position.

This recommendation is confidential and will only be reviewed by the Global Studies Academy Booster Club Travel Grant Evaluation Committee and the Global Studies Academy Coordinator. The student and their parents will not be allowed to view the completed form.

____ "I would be thrilled to travel abroad with this student" and/or "I am confident that this student will make every effort to wring the maximum benefit possible out of this trip." In other words, a ringing endorsement.

____ "I do not feel strongly (positively or negatively) about how it would be to travel abroad with this student"

and/or "I think this student will do fine on the trip (not cause any problems) but might not be one of the more conscientious participants with regard to taking full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the trip to experience another culture and improve his/her language skills." In other words, a lukewarm endorsement.

____ "I would not want to travel abroad with this student" or, if you are the teacher sponsoring the trip, "I have allowed this student to sign up for the trip in spite of some reservations, but I would almost prefer that he/she were not going." In other words, no endorsement.

Feel free to make comments in support of your choice. Please do not use the student's name in your comments:

Printed name of teacher: _____

Signature of teacher: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your time! Your opinion is an essential part of the evaluation process for our travel grants.

Please give this completed form to the Global Studies Academy Coordinator by _____ (**date provided by student**).