

# EXPLO Financial Aid

**EXPLO is serious about financial aid.** For us, making sure that students from all walks of life — geographic, socio-economic, cultural — are able to attend our summer programs is paramount, so we work incredibly hard to provide as many grants and scholarships to as many qualified students as possible.

The financial aid process is quite competitive. Please take a moment to read through this and the following pages to better understand the differences between grants and scholarships, the criteria necessary to apply for each, and the path that makes the most sense for your family.

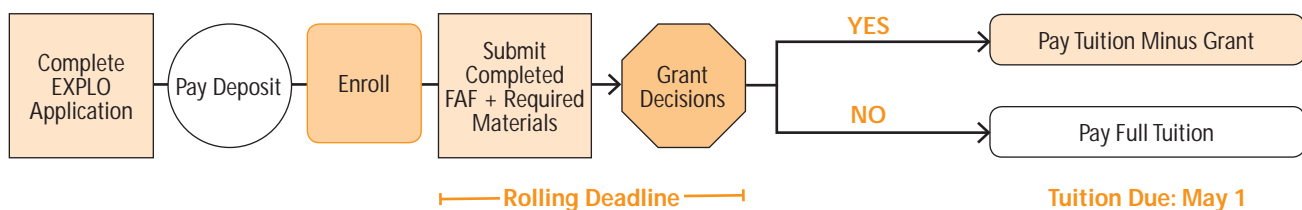
## Grant or Scholarship?

Families who are able to afford the program but are looking to defray a portion of the tuition should apply for a grant. They should not apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are for students who are not able to attend EXPLO without a significant financial award. The chart below outlines the key differences between grants and scholarships based on our Exploration Programs. On the following pages, we outline the differences for each program option in further detail.

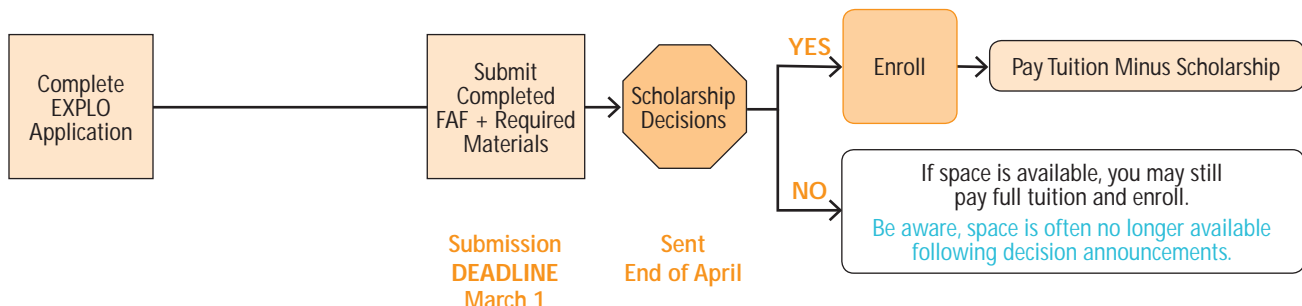
	Grants	Scholarships
Awards	Up to \$1,650 (Exploration Programs)	\$1,650 up to Full Tuition (Exploration Programs)
Based on	Financial Need	Financial Need + Merit
Deposit	Deposit Required	No Deposit
Enrollment Status	Space guaranteed in program	Space guaranteed only for students awarded scholarships

## Application Process: Grant vs. Scholarship

**Grant Process:** Enrollment is required before applying for a grant.



**Scholarship Process:** Enrollment is contingent upon being selected to receive a scholarship.



**Questions?** Before applying, we strongly recommend you contact our Admission Office at 781.762.7400.

# Grants

**Families may apply for a grant for up to two EXPLO sessions.** Grants are awarded based only on the financial need of the family. Award amounts are offered on a sliding scale, ranging up to the maximum amounts listed below.

	Maximum Grant Award/Session
Exploration Programs Residential	\$1,650
Exploration Programs Day	\$825
EXPLO Focus (2 Weeks)	\$1,240
EXPLO Focus (1 Week)	\$620
EXPLO Mini	\$250 (Max of two sessions)

If your family can afford to send your student with up to this amount of financial assistance, you should apply for a grant.

To apply for a grant, you first fill out the EXPLO application and pay the deposit. This guarantees your student a spot in the program. **The remaining tuition (minus a possible grant award) is due in full by May 1.**

**You will receive an email granting access to the Financial Aid Materials Submission Space within one business day of submitting your EXPLO Student Application.**

## Grant Calendar

### Rolling Deadline

Grants are offered on a rolling basis until the summer begins as long as there is still funding and space available in our programs. We typically notify grant recipients about awards within three weeks of receiving a complete financial aid application.

### March 1

Deposits become non-refundable.

### May 1

If you received a grant, the remaining portion of the full tuition is due by today.

## Grant Application Checklist

- ☐ **Completed online student application** for appropriate program (Exploration Programs, EXPLO Focus, EXPLO Mini)
- ☐ **Paid deposit**
- ☐ **UPLOAD signed and completed Financial Aid Form**
- ☐ **UPLOAD copies of 2018 Federal Tax Return(s)**
  - ☐ Form 1040
  - ☐ Signature: physical or e-file page
    - If uploading 2017 taxes for preliminary assessment first, 2018 taxes are due April 21, 2019 to finalize award

We recommend submitting your previous year's taxes as soon as possible as a means of reserving funds while they are available.

  - Black out social security numbers
  - Do not send state taxes
- ☐ **UPLOAD all 2018 W-2/1099/SSI Form(s)**
  - ☐ Parent/Guardian #1 Forms
  - ☐ Parent/Guardian #2 Forms
    - If sending 2017 taxes first, also submit 2017 W-2/1099(s)

## DIVORCED/SEPARATED PARENTS

For families in which parents are divorced or separated, we require each parent to upload all financial information and complete the online Financial Aid Form. We understand it may be difficult to provide this information for both parents, but we reserve the right to make a decision based on the information we do or do not have at the application deadline.

NOTE: All parents/guardians listed on the EXPLO student application will receive communications from the Financial Aid Department.

# Scholarships

**Application DEADLINE: March 1, 2019**

**Families may apply for a scholarship for one EXPLO session.** We encourage you to be flexible in which session you are available. Scholarships are much more competitive than grants and are awarded based on financial need and merit. Scholarships are not available for any of our one-week programs. Award amounts for each program range as follows:

Scholarship Award Range	
Exploration Programs Residential	\$1,650 Up to Full Tuition
Exploration Programs Day	\$825 Up to Full Tuition
EXPLO Focus (2 Weeks)	\$1,240 Up to Full Tuition

Scholarship awards go towards the payment of EXPLO's tuition and fees. Most families are expected to contribute something to the cost of a student's attendance. Required fees, such as the Dormitory Damage Deposit and Trips + Sundries Account, are covered by the sum of the scholarship and family contribution. Additional expenses (including travel costs and spending money) are the responsibility of the family.

To be considered for a scholarship, you must fill out the EXPLO online student application and submit all materials as detailed in the adjacent checklist. Failure to submit any component will disqualify your application from review.

**All scholarship application materials must be submitted to EXPLO by March 1. You will receive an email granting access to the Financial Aid Materials Submission Space within one business day of submitting your EXPLO Student Application.**

Because the scholarship process is competitive, many strong applicants will unfortunately not receive an award. While we encourage you to apply, we want to manage your expectations. Please speak with your child and explain that even if their application is strong, they may not receive an award.

We save space in our programs for students who receive scholarships, but we are unable to save space for applicants who are not selected. By the end of April, space may no longer be available for applicants who do not receive a scholarship.

## Student's Personal Statement

A primary requirement of the merit component is a personal statement authored entirely by you, the student. In your statement, please tell us why you want to attend EXPLO, and what you believe you'll contribute to the EXPLO community. Strong candidates don't need to be stellar scholars or athletes; we are just as interested in learning about significant responsibilities in extracurricular activities, at home or a part-time job, or through community service work. What are you passionate about? Tell us what sets you apart from your peers.

## Scholarship Application Checklist

### FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ **Completed online student application** from appropriate program (Exploration Programs, EXPLO Focus)
- ☐ **UPLOAD signed and completed Financial Aid Form**
- ☐ **UPLOAD copies of 2018 Federal Tax Return(s)**
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### MERIT REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ **UPLOAD student's Personal Statement**
- ☐ **Teacher Recommendation Form** (Part of online student application)  
We understand you have no control over when a teacher sends this, but your application is not complete without it. (Required each year for EXPLO alumni and new students.)
- ☒ **UPLOAD student Grade Report/Transcript**
- ☐ **Optional supporting material**  
Letters of support, samples of student writing or artwork, list of student awards or special merits. Please do NOT send originals; we will not return them.

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# EXPLO

	I am Applying for:	Program Name:	I Want to Attend: ★
Exploration Programs	<input type="radio"/> Grant <input checked="" type="radio"/> Scholarship	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Exploration Programs at Yale (Grades 10-12) <input type="radio"/> Exploration Programs at Wellesley (Grades 8-9) <input type="radio"/> Exploration Programs at Wheaton (Grades 4-7)	<input type="radio"/> First Session <input checked="" type="radio"/> Second Session <input type="radio"/> Either Session
EXPLO Focus	<input type="radio"/> Grant <input type="radio"/> Scholarship	List	<input type="radio"/> First Session <input type="radio"/> Second Session <input type="radio"/> Either Session
EXPLO Mini	<input type="radio"/> Grant	List (up to 2)	

★ Your flexibility may impact selections

## STUDENT INFORMATION

e	Eduarda Vivanco		08/27/2003		Gender <input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Other	Grade in Sept. 2019
	STUDENT'S NAME		Date of Birth			11th
	68 Route 6n					Year(s) Attended EXPLO
	Home Address					None
	Mahopac		NY, 10541 United States			
	City	State/Zip/Postal Code	Country			
	eduardavivanco03@gmail.com	339-368-0845				
	Email	Phone				

I applied for financial aid from EXPLO last year ☐ Yes ☒ No I received financial aid from EXPLO last year ☐ Yes ☒ No

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

e	Lourdes Vivanco		Mother	
	Parent/Guardian's Name (#1)		Relationship to Student	
	68 Route 6n		lourdesroxanaguerra@aol.com	
	Home Address		Email	
	Mahopac		NY, 10541	
	City	State	Country	Zip/Postal Code
	347-234-9539	347-234-9539		receive \$50/month
	Day Phone	Preferred Phone	Monthly Child Support (if applicable)	
	self-employed		\$6000	
	Employer		Adjusted Gross Income	

e	Edgardo Vivanco		Father	
	Parent/Guardian's Name (#2)		Relationship to Student	
	700 W 175St APT 11		edgarvivan@aol.com	
	Home Address		Email	
	New York		10033	
	City	State	Country	Zip/Postal Code
	917-337-0891	917-337-0891		pays \$50/month
	Day Phone	Preferred Phone	Monthly Child Support (if applicable)	
	self-employed		\$12000	
	Employer		Adjusted Gross Income	

Student lives with (all that apply): ☒ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Stepmother ☐ Stepfather ☐ Custodial Parent(s) (specify below)

Select if appropriate: ☐ Mother is Deceased ☐ Father is Deceased ☒ Parents Separated ☐ Parents Divorced

☐ Other. Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPENDENTS LIVING WITH YOU (If more than 3, please add all dependants to a special circumstances letter)

Eduarda Vivanco	15	Lakeland High School	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Public <input type="radio"/> Private	\$0
NAME OF STUDENT APPLICANT	Age	School Attending		Tuition/Fees Paid by Family
Name of Child/Dependent	Age	School Attending	<input type="radio"/> Public <input type="radio"/> Private	Tuition/Fees Paid by Family
Name of Child/Dependent	Age	School Attending	<input type="radio"/> Public <input type="radio"/> Private	Tuition/Fees Paid by Family

# EXPLO Financial Aid Form (page 2 of 2)



Eduarda Vivanco

STUDENT'S NAME

## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Do you rent your home? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, monthly rental cost \$ 1800  
 Do you own your home? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, current market value \$ Monthly Mortgage \$  
 Do you own other real estate? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, monthly rental cost \$ Monthly Mortgage \$  
 Property's yearly income (if property is income-producing) \$

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle #1 Make: Honda Model: Odyssey Year: 2000  
 Vehicle #2 Make: Model: Year:  
 Vehicle #3 Make: Model: Year:

## PARENT/GUARDIAN FINANCIAL ASSETS

List all financial assets such as stocks, bonds, savings accounts, CDs, money market funds, trusts, second homes, boats, motor homes...

Asset	Value	Asset	Value
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Asset in a student's name (stocks, bonds, savings accounts, CDs, money market funds, trusts, college funds...)		Value	
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## SPONSORING AGENCY (If Applicable)

If you are working with an individual, school, group, or organization on submitting this application, please write the name below.

## FAMILY/FRIENDS

Do you have any relatives/friends who are enrolled and/or applying for financial aid? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, name(s):  
 How do you know this applicant?

## FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (Scholarship Applicants Only)

Each family is expected to make a contribution toward EXPLO tuition. Please indicate a reasonable, realistic figure your family can afford to contribute toward your child's attendance: \$ 300

Scholarships do not cover spending money or the cost of transportation to and from the program. Please consider these expenses as you note a Family Contribution.

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS CAREFULLY

Scholarship decisions will be made by April 30, 2019. By the time awards are made, spaces may only be available for scholarship recipients (Last year, at least some of the 2018 programs filled before the scholarship process was complete, and students not receiving an award were unable to attend the program.)

- ☐ I AM APPLYING FOR A GRANT and I understand that if I do not receive financial aid I will assume full responsibility for paying the program's entire tuition by May 1, 2019. Should I decide to register my child with a deposit and then decide, at a later date, to withdraw my child, I understand the program deposit is non-refundable after March 1, 2019.
- ☒ I AM APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP and I understand that a space is not reserved unless my child is awarded a scholarship.

I have read and understand the above statements. I have filled out the Financial Aid Form as completely as possible. The information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.



*Louderes Vivanco*  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

Mother  
 Relationship to Student

2-25-19  
 Date