



June 4, 2008

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte is pleased to announce the Council Scholar Awards for the 2008-2009 school year. The Council Scholar Program offers a unique opportunity for selected educators to travel out of the country and bring their experiences abroad home to their school community in North Carolina.

We are looking for internationally-minded individuals who are currently working to provide a global perspective in their classrooms. Applicants should have a desire to immerse themselves in an international topic/region and be enthusiastic about bringing their experiences home to their classroom, school, and colleagues.

Applications must be received by noon on September 15, 2008. They may be mailed or hand delivered to the Council. Please do not attempt to fax or email your application. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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**THE 2008-2009
COUNCIL SCHOLAR
PROGRAM**



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Dear Applicant:

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte is committed to the expansion of international education in area schools. The Council Scholar Program is designed to annually reward a few outstanding teachers or administrators, grades K-12, in our community who have demonstrated a commitment to international education. The 2008-2009 school year marks the fifteenth year of the Council Scholar Program and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte would like to thank the Wachovia Foundation, CPI Security Systems, and South End Jazz for their generous support.

The Council Scholar Program not only gives the recipient visibility and recognition, but also provides rewarding educational experiences. The 2008-2009 Scholar will enjoy:

- Recognition at our 2008 World Citizen Award Dinner
- Invitations to special Council programs and dinner receptions
- Lifetime Council membership
- The opportunity to create and participate in seminars and roundtable discussions with past scholars and experts for curriculum development, content enrichment, classroom resources, and professional interaction
- A scholarship of up to \$2,500 for study abroad or international conference attendance

Not only is the program designed to honor exemplary educators, but it will also enhance the Scholars' international educational experiences in order to further impact their classrooms, schools, and communities.

On behalf of the World Affairs Council, thank you for applying to be a Council Scholar. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have in completing the process.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR A COUNCIL SCHOLAR

- The applicant must be a K-12 grade teacher or staff member with significant student contact in a Mecklenburg, Iredell, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Gaston, or Union County school (public or independent).
- The applicant must be a full-time school employee in any subject/discipline.
- The number of applicants per school is unlimited.
- Attendance and a possible brief presentation at the World Citizen Award Dinner, as well as a commitment to attend Council programs are required of all recipients.
- The recipient will provide the Council with a one page written report of their travel experience.
- All nominees will have a clear idea of the impact and contributions they will make in their classroom, their school and in their community, and will be committed to promoting international education actively for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Funds provided are taxable. The IRS has rigidly defined scholarships as applying only to students in specific degree programs; therefore, our Scholar Award cannot be classified as a scholarship unless you use the money to complete a requirement in a degree program. Scholarships are the only form of award which are tax-free, so we must report your Scholar Award to the IRS as "other income." You will be responsible for declaring the Scholar Award as income.
- If you are chosen as a recipient of the award, all travel must be completed by August 31, 2009.
- Applicants from schools without large international programs will have special consideration
- Preference will be given to those applicants without extensive travel experience.
- Preference will also be given to those that will be significantly enhanced by their experience.
- Prior winners are not eligible to apply again.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant is responsible for submitting the following in order to be considered for the scholarship:

1. **Part One:** General Information Form (see enclosed)
2. **Part Two:** Application Questionnaire Form (see enclosed)
3. **Part Three:** Statement of Support Form from your principal (see enclosed)

If you are selected for an interview, you may provide a portfolio (optional) containing no more than five samples of students' work or previous lesson plans which reflect international projects/global awareness.

DUE DATE OF APPLICATION: All applications must be RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICES no later than FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews will tentatively be held the week of OCTOBER 20, 2008.
Part 1: GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

Responses to the questions below may be written CLEARLY or submitted as a Microsoft Word document. You will need to submit ONE COPY of this form to the Council.

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

School Name: _____

Principal's Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

School Phone Number: _____ School Fax Number: _____

Number of Years at Present School: _____ Total Number of Years Teaching: _____

Grade Currently Teaching: _____

Subject Area(s) Currently Teaching: _____

What degree(s) do you hold and from what institution(s)?

List any additional teaching experience(s) (include dates, school names and locations, grades and subject areas).

Part 2: APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

One Council Scholar Award will be specifically for travel in Germany or Austria. Please indicate if you would like to be considered for this restricted award in your application. The other Council Scholar Awards are open to anywhere the applicant finds an appropriate and meaningful program.

DO NOT ANSWER ON THIS SHEET! Reproduce all questions and please limit your responses to one page, double-spaced (in 12 point Times New Roman font) **for each question.** You will need to enclose TWO COPIES of this part of the application form to the Council.

- 1. IF YOU HAVE TRAVELED, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND INDICATE HOW YOU TRANSLATED THAT EXPERIENCE TO YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABROAD BEFORE, WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU DONE TO ENCOURAGE AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?**
- 2. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PLAN FOR THE AWARD. BE SURE TO INCLUDE HOW YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, A WEBSITE OF YOUR PROGRAM FOR REFERENCE, COSTS, WHY YOU CHOSE THE PROGRAM, AND SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON WHAT YOU WILL DO ON YOUR EXPERIENCE.**
- 3. HOW WOULD THIS EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH STUDENTS, STAFF, AND PARENTS AT YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU RETURN?**
- 4. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN YOUR CLASSROOM OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS?**

I understand the expectations and requirements for a World Affairs Council Scholar and agree to fulfill all responsibilities enthusiastically and comply with the policies established by the Education Committee of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRINCIPAL'S (or nominating chair's) SIGNATURE: _____

Part 3: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FORM

Select someone to complete the “Statement of Support Form” on your behalf. You will need to enclose TWO COPIES of this form to the Council.

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Please write a brief statement of support for the abovementioned applicant. Please share how passionate and effective you feel the applicant will be in impacting your school with his/her experience abroad.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Position: _____

School principal's signature: _____

SELECTION OF THE SCHOLAR will be based on evidence of the applicant's commitment to, and interest in, international education. Each application will be evaluated on a competitive basis. The selection process is two-fold: applications will first be reviewed by the World Affairs Council of Charlotte's Education Committee members, and then selected applicants will participate in a short, personal interview to determine a final decision.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL SCHOLAR PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed GENERAL INFORMATION FORM - *ENCLOSE 1 COPY*
2. Completed APPLICATION FORM (*the APPLICATION FORM should be reproduced*) - *ENCLOSE 2 COPIES*
3. Completed STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FORM that has been signed by the principal of the school - *ENCLOSE 2 COPIES*

DO NOT TURN IN A PARTIAL APPLICATION PACKET! ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

**The World Affairs Council of Charlotte
Council Scholar Program
UNC Charlotte – 227 CHHS Building
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001**

For assistance, please call Jennifer Armentrout at the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, 704-687-7762.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 to be eligible for consideration. The winners will be announced in early November 2008.

THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF CHARLOTTE is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to the mission of encouraging deeper understanding of world affairs. As part of a network of over eighty world affairs organizations across the country, the Council serves as a regional center for education and discussion of world affairs through diverse programs on significant foreign policy and global issues. For further information, including benefits of discounted educator and student memberships, contact the World Affairs Council of Charlotte office, (704) 687-7762.