

Dear Student and Family:

Thank you for your interest in Xperitas' Financial Aid Program. Awards are granted on a rolling basis, so applying early is encouraged. You must already be enrolled in an Xperitas program to be considered. Please do **not** include your program deposit with your financial aid application.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply you must:

1. Be a student in grades 6–12 registered for an Xperitas Immersion program.
2. Meet the financial criteria outlined in the application.
3. Submit all required materials by **October 15, 2026**.

Application Components

Your completed application must include:

Section 1: Participant contact information

Section 2: Household financial information, including a copy of your parent(s)' most recent federal income tax return. If parents file separately, both tax returns must be submitted.

Section 3: Additional Participant Information (you may attach extra pages if needed).

Section 4: A personal essay *or* video submission (minimum one double-spaced page if written) explaining:

- Why you want to participate in this program
- How you believe the experience will help you grow as a global citizen.

Section 5: A recommendation from an adult at your school (teacher, coach, counselor, etc.).

Submission Guidelines:

Please upload all required financial aid materials to this secure [Dropbox](#). Make sure all file names contain the name of the applicant.

Deadline:

All materials must be uploaded by October 15, 2026.

Award Notification:

Applicants selected to receive financial aid will be notified by email. Awards range from **10% to 60%** of the program price. Decisions are based on a holistic review of your application, including:

- Financial information
- Family circumstances
- Personal essay or video
- Recommendation

Financial aid will be applied as a credit toward your remaining program balance at the time of final billing (approximately two weeks before the final payment deadline). Because funding is limited, families may wish to pursue additional fundraising opportunities. Fundraising ideas are available at: www.xperitas.org/pricing-and-fundraising/fundraising

Section 1 – Applicant Information

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Destination: _____ Season: Spring Summer
Organizing Teacher: _____
School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Section 2 – Parent/Guardian Information

Please attach a copy of your **2025 Federal Income Tax Return** showing your **Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)**. If parents file separately, both 2025 returns must be provided.

If you were not required to file a 2025 return, explain why below and attach documentation showing proof of income (e.g., pay stub, unemployment statement, etc.).

Reason (if no tax return filed):

Adjusted Gross Income (2025): \$ _____
(Must be less than \$60,000)

Number of dependent children in household (2025): _____
Student lives with: Both parents One parent Other: _____

Parent/Guardian 1

Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Work Phone: (____) _____

Parent/Guardian 2

Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Work Phone: (____) _____

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Section 3 – To Be Completed by Applicant

Funding Plan

Indicate the percentage of your program cost from each source (total should equal 100%):

Parents _____% Work _____% Savings _____% Other _____%

If Other, specify: _____

Have you traveled outside the U.S.? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Have you participated in an Xperitas program before? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ Year: _____

What circumstances make you a candidate for financial aid?

Section 4 – Applicant

Submit either:

- An essay (attached to this form), or
- A video submission (emailed separately)

Your essay or video should explain why you want to participate in this Xperitas program and how the experience will help you grow as a global citizen.

Section 5 – School Recommendation

Ask a teacher, coach, counselor, or other school adult to complete the enclosed recommendation form on your behalf.

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I certify that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

For questions please contact Leslie Gale at Leslie@Xperitas.org or at 612-436-8295.

Recommendation Form

Student Name: _____

School: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Recommender Name: _____ **Email:** _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant?

How long have you known the applicant?

Student Evaluation

Please rate the student using the scale below:

1 = Poor 3 = Average 5 = Excellent

| Category | Rating (1-5) | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Attitude | | |
| Acts Responsibly | | |
| Attendance | | |
| Social Skills | | |
| Respectfulness | | |
| Initiative | | |
| Keeps Commitments / Meets Deadlines | | |
| Leadership Potential | | |
| Maturity | | |

Additional Comments

How do you believe this student would benefit from a language and cultural immersion experience? Please include any additional information that may support the student's consideration for this award.

(Attach additional pages if needed.)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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