

APPLICATION PERIOD**Spring 2026**

Opens: January 26, 2026

Ends: March 27, 2026

Fall 2026

Opens: September 21, 2026

Ends: November 6, 2026

AWARD:

Up to \$1,000 for individuals

Up to \$5,000 for groups

Funds are awarded to students or groups who would otherwise not have the resources to participate in enriching and life-changing travel experience opportunities. Successful applicants have an upcoming planned travel experience, and they will be evaluated on the following five categories: Achievement, Need, Initiative/Involvement, Service/Citizenship, and Connection. A teacher or group leader must nominate the student.

APPLICATION PERIOD**Spring 2025**

Opens: February 2, 2026

Ends: April 24, 2026

AWARD

\$1,500 to winning essayist

\$1,000 to four (4) runners up

Funds are awarded to students who use their creativity to compose a creative article or presentation illustrating their student travel experience - including lessons they learned and how they were impacted by travel.

APPLICATION PERIOD

Any time

AWARD

Varies on request, need and budget

Awards that are not part of our current programs nor scholarships. Amount varies based on request, need and budget. Must be a group of 10 or more youth and must align with SYF's mission, vision and purposes. The grant application must be submitted by teacher or group leader that is traveling with the group.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Fall of each year

A four-day, fully online program designed to bridge cultural divides, increase engagement with the travel and tourism industry, provide young people with a transformative, hands-on, and collaborative way to meet and work with their peers from around the world. This virtual program is held in February of each year.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Fall of each year

A fully funded rite of passage trip to the nation's capitol! These students will receive an enriched educational experience and deepen their knowledge of U.S. history participating in a 2 night/3 day itinerary that is comprised of student-friendly and must-see attractions, national parks, monuments, and experiences unique to Washington D.C.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Fall of each year

A group of deserving students who have demonstrated through their action, intention, or circumstance the desire to expand their awareness, creating a dramatic life change. This fully funded 2 night/3 day program will take place in SYTA's Annual Conference host city each year.

REGISTRATION OPENS

Fall of each year

Experience a Broadway show (tickets donated by the Disney Theatrical Group) and lunch around Times Square for up to 100 students. Stage Doors is a project-based arts education program that provides students with a meaningful introduction to live theatre.