



CIEE is delighted to offer our international representatives the opportunity to nominate students for the CIEE Access Scholarship! This scholarship allows students, who would not otherwise be able to participate, the opportunity to be a part of the CIEE Work & Travel USA program. When considering and submitting nominations, please follow the guidelines listed below. We look forward to your participation!

## CIEE ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE:

- CIEE Work & Travel USA program fee
- Job offer fee
- Travel insurance
- Required SEVIS U.S. immigration fee
- U.S. visa application fee\*
- Round trip transportation costs to the employment site (international and domestic flights)
- \$500 settling in allowance to cover travel incidentals and expenses before the first paycheck\*

\* The visa interview fee (\$160) and settling allowance (\$500) will be included (in addition to the program, SEVIS, and job fees) as part of one credit memo issued to the international representative for selected scholars. The international representative will coordinate distribution of funds to scholars with guidance from the Access Scholarship team. (We will not be issuing gift cards this year, and instead all covered feeds will be included in a credit memo to the international representative, issued by the International Operations team.)

## CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA:

The CIEE Access Scholarship program is seeking candidates who represent the qualities and/or populations in your home country as described below.

**Financial need** – candidate should have a socioeconomic status where a scholarship enables participation (for example, low-income families)

**Underserved population** – candidate should represent an underserved population in your country (for example racial, ethnic, gender or religious minorities, disabled students, etc.)

**Global perspective** – candidates should be eager to enhance their social abilities and leadership qualities while also willing to reach across cultures to build their skills as global citizens

Selection notes:

- Candidates must have an advanced level of English.
- Candidates must be responsible, responsive, and flexible on job type and location.
- Candidates chosen to receive an Access Scholarship will be required to submit a re-entry essay or video 6 months after their program completion.

## NOMINATION PROCESS:

This is a highly selective and competitive process; **a nomination does not guarantee a scholarship**. Each international representative may nominate a maximum of two candidates. To submit a nomination, international representatives must complete an [online nomination form](#) which will include the following steps. For any questions, please email [access@ciee.org](mailto:access@ciee.org). Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

### The student must:

- Complete a Work & Travel USA application in Beacon
- Write a personal statement



The student's personal statement must be a 300-500 word essay, or a 1-2 minute video link on the following topic. Please upload (copy and paste) your student's statement into the corresponding field found in the [online nomination form](#).

*The goal of CIEE Work & Travel USA is to increase mutual understanding between Americans and citizens of other countries. Are you a global citizen? Tell us what you hope to gain from living and working in the United States through this exchange program.*

**The international representative must:**

- Complete the [online nomination form](#)
- Write a 300-word recommendation letter demonstrating why the candidate should be considered for the scholarship

In your recommendation letter, please consider the selection criteria when demonstrating why the candidate should be considered for the scholarship. Please upload (copy and paste) your recommendation letter into the corresponding field found in the [online nomination form](#).

**CIEE ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE:**

In order for nominations to be considered, international representatives must follow the below timeline. Any requests for processing outside of this timeline will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.

- Early-November: CIEE Access Scholarship Nomination opens
- January 15: Deadline to submit a maximum of two nominations to CIEE
- January 15-February 15: CIEE will review nominations
- Mid-February: CIEE Access Scholarship recipients will be confirmed
- Mid-February to March: Host employer interviews will take place
- March to April: Students apply for visas
- May: Students' travel is booked and confirmed
- May/June: Students prepare for arrivals in the U.S.
- September to October: CIEE contacts students for program feedback