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Student Enrichment Grants available for  
cultural & educational experiences



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Over the past twelve years, 2,250 young men and women have received enrichment grants from the Crystal Fund amounting to over \$6.6 million in support of extended cultural or educational experiences away from home.

Grantees aged 13-19 years receive up to \$4,000 per person to support a range of enrichment experiences including cultural exchange, community service, college experience, environmental programs, boarding schools, sports and language programs.

Travel destinations include US, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia, Africa. Examples:

- Culture/Language/Community Service programs abroad (AFS, Road Less Traveled, CIEE)
- Académie Américaine de Danse de Paris
- Language Programs (Concordia Language Villages)
- College Summer Programs (Washington, Spelman, Michigan, Stanford, etc.)
- Boarding School programs (Exeter, Cushing, Choate Rosemary Hall)
- Girl Scouts, Europe
- Junior State of America (JSA)
- School of Creative and Performing Arts, New York
- Small Fry Tournament (Basketball)
- National Debate program
- Colombian Youth Exchange (Afro-Colombian culture)

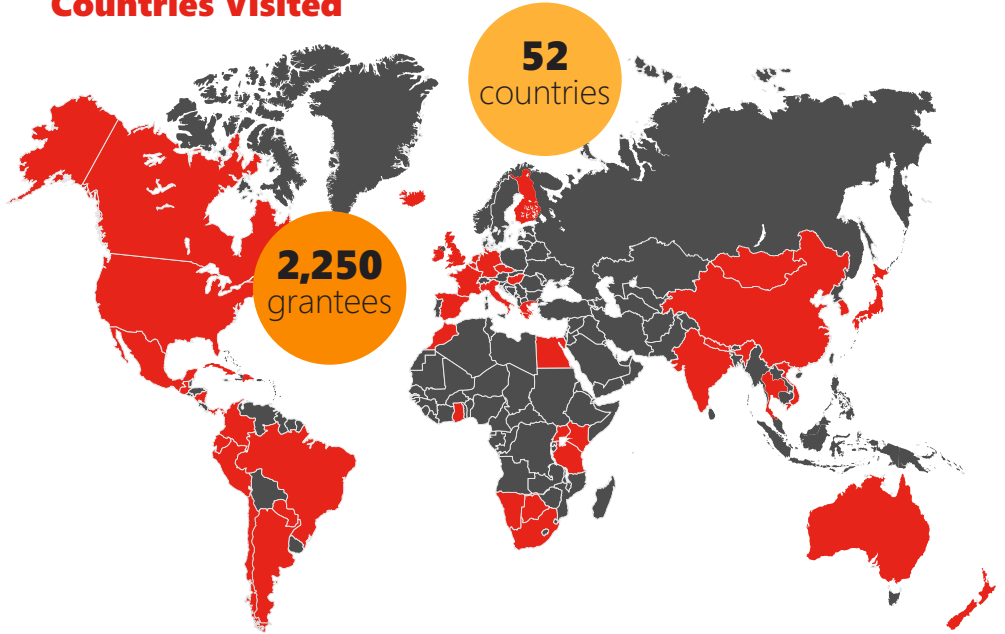


- 37%** Culture / Community Service
- 26%** College Experience
- 17%** Environment / Community Service
- 10%** Language/Community Service
- 4%** Educational/Boarding School
- 4%** Leadership/Sports
- 2%** Leadership/College Experience

## Applicant checklist

- ✓ Ask your counselor, teacher or mentor to apply on your behalf. Students cannot apply directly.
- ✓ Trips must be at least 2 weeks long.
- ✓ Your family will be required to submit documents that demonstrate financial need based on our criteria for eligibility. Grants are targeted for low income households.
- ✓ School trips and trips with family or friends are not eligible for funding.
- ✓ You must be in good academic standing.
- ✓ No previous extended, independent travel away from home.

## Countries Visited



Ask your counselor, teacher or mentor to apply here:  
[oprpcf.org/for-students/enrichment-grants](http://oprpcf.org/for-students/enrichment-grants)



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Any questions?  
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"I made friends from ten different states and two countries."

"Before this experience, I constantly doubted my ability to succeed in college. I am now confident that I will do well."

"I became more independent and open minded."