

Introduction

The World Affairs Challenge™ is an academic program and competition on international affairs for middle and high school students. Participants work in teams to create innovative solutions to real world problems. Through this program, students will develop critical thinking, research, teamwork and communication skills. Students are also encouraged to think through how they plan to use the knowledge and skills they gain during the Challenge in the future. To support students in this process, the University of Minnesota's Office for Public Engagement will provide scholarships to ten teams of students to participate in the World Affairs Challenge™. Support from the University of Minnesota is intended to allow students to connect their experience during the Challenge to their educational aspirations and prepare them to make informed choices about their future as active global citizens.

Eligibility Requirements

Scholarships will be provided to ten public schools in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Scholarships will be equally divided between middle and high schools. Preference will be given to schools that serve a diverse, high-need population in which at least 50% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch. Scholarships will cover the team registration fee of \$150 and up to \$100 to be used for materials for student projects and transportation to the World Affairs Challenge on Saturday, April 25th, 2009.

Selection Criteria

Teams will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Student interest and commitment
- Demonstrated financial need
- Availability of coach support (can be a teacher, advisor, parent, community volunteer)

Application Procedure

To apply for a University of Minnesota scholarship to participate in the World Affairs Challenge, please submit the following materials:

- 1) Completed Application Cover Sheet
- 2) Statement of interest from each confirmed member of the team discussing how participation in this program will support their academic achievement and future aspirations. (250-500 words)
Note: Teams can range in size from 5-12 students.
- 3) Letter of support from the team Coach
- 4) Statement of financial need from the school Principal or other school official

Applications materials should be sent to:

World Savvy
700 Meadow Lane North, Suite 620
Minneapolis, MN 55422

Or submitted via e-mail to: charmagne@worldsavvy.org

Important Dates

Scholarship Application Deadline:

January 12, 2009

Scholarship Notification:

January 23, 2009

WAC Registration Deadline:

February 6, 2009

World Affairs Challenge:

April 25, 2009

Disbursement Information

The University of Minnesota Office for Public Engagement will disburse funds to cover team registration fees for the World Affairs Challenge™ directly to World Savvy. If additional funds are required by teams for materials or transportation for the Challenge, requests should be submitted with application materials. These funds cannot exceed \$100 and will be disbursed to the team Coach.



World Affairs Challenge™ Scholarship Application Cover Sheet



Coach Information

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: Teacher School Support Parent Other _____

School Information

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

Principal Name: _____

Student Information

Primary Student Contact: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Team Roster:

| Student Name | Grade |
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Financial Information: Registration fee will be paid directly to World Savvy. If you are requesting additional support (up to \$100), please fill in the information below:

Amount Requested: _____ **Use for funds:** _____

I agree to support my school's team in preparing for the World Affairs Challenge™ and to use the allocated funds for the designated purposes only.

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____