



NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC

STUDENT

345 Hickory Ridge Road
Putney, Vermont 05346
877-877-8759

EXPEDITIONS

2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a National Geographic Student Expeditions scholarship, your completed application must be received by mail at the addressed specified below no later than March 1, 2018. Applications will not be accepted via email or fax. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. A complete application consists of:

1. Completed 2018 Scholarship Application Form
2. Copy of parents' or guardians' most recent federal tax returns
3. Copy of student's most recent federal tax returns (if applicable)
4. Statement explaining parents' or guardians' financial obligations and need for financial support
5. Applicant Statement
6. Two completed teacher references

Submit completed applications to:

Putney Student Travel, Inc. ("PST")
345 Hickory Ridge Road
Putney, Vermont 05346

1. SELECT A PROGRAM

First choice _____ Dates _____

Preferred On Assignment project (if choosing an expedition) _____

Second choice _____ Dates _____

Preferred On Assignment project (if choosing an expedition) _____

2. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of applicant as it appears on passport _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Nickname _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Name of your school _____

City/State of school _____ Current year in school _____

Please list prior camps or summer programs _____

What foreign languages have you studied and for how many years? _____

How did you learn about National Geographic Student Expeditions? _____

Extracurricular activities in which you participate _____

3. PARENT INFORMATION

Primary Parent:

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Parent's email _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

Secondary Parent:

Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____ Place of Employment _____

Parent's email _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Cell phone _____

With whom does applicant live? _____

Who should receive all mailings? _____

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Household Income

Primary Parent Taxable Income (Adjusted Gross Income from Federal Tax Return):

\$ _____

Primary Parent Nontaxable Income (Includes Child Support, Social Security Benefits and Other Nontaxable Income): \$ _____

Secondary Parent Taxable Income (Adjusted Gross Income from Federal Tax Return):

\$ _____

Secondary Parent Nontaxable Income (Includes Child Support, Social Security Benefits and Other Nontaxable Income): \$ _____

Total Household Income \$ _____

B. Please list all financial assets and their values including parents' and student's savings accounts, home equity, investment portfolio, etc. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.): _____

C. Enclose a copy of your parents'/guardians' most recent federal tax returns (Fiscal Year 2016 or 2017).

D. If you file a separate tax return from your parents/guardians, enclose a copy of your tax return.

E. Enclose a statement which describes your parents'/guardians' need for financial assistance based on financial obligations and assets

5. PASSPORT INFORMATION (for international programs only)

All scholarship students accepted for an international program will be required to provide us with a copy of the photo page of their valid passport by April 15, 2018. The passport must be valid through March 1, 2019. Students who are offered a scholarship on an international program but do not meet this requirement may have their scholarship offer revoked. If you do not have a valid passport, please consider whether you will be able to obtain a passport and meet this deadline before applying for an international program.

If you are applying for an international program and do not have a passport, do you commit to applying for a passport and any other necessary travel documents within one week of notification of a scholarship? _____

6. APPLICANT STATEMENT

Attach a statement explaining why you would like to join a National Geographic Student Expedition and what you feel you can contribute to it, as well as your interest in the country and project on which you wish to focus. (Approximately 200-300 words.)

7. TEACHER REFERENCES

To be considered for the scholarship program, we must receive two completed Teacher Reference Forms by March 1, 2018. These forms can be downloaded from the scholarship page of our website, www.ngstudentexpeditions.com/scholarships. Teacher Reference forms should be included with the application materials, each in individual envelopes signed across the seal by the person who completes them.

8. PARENTS/GUARDIANS RESPONSIBILITY AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Knowing and Voluntary Execution of Responsibility Statement and Terms and Conditions:

I (the parent/guardian) believe that my child/ward (the "Student") is enthusiastic, prepared, and capable of handling both the emotional and physical aspects of the Trip (as defined herein). Furthermore, the Student and I (collectively referred to herein as "You") agree that should the Student's conduct, at the sole discretion of PST, be deemed to be in violation of NGSE rules or otherwise detrimental to the maintenance of standards or to the successful operation of the Trip, PST may dismiss the Student from the Trip. You agree that PST and NGSE's responsibility for the Student ends with his/her dismissal from the Trip, and You agree that dismissal may occur at a location far from the Student's home. You agree that, should the Student be dismissed from the Trip, You will make arrangements for, bear the cost of, and provide supervision for the dismissed Student, even in situations that require extended international travel, and that no refund of the tuition will be given for the dismissed Student. There will also be no refund for the Student if he/she withdraws voluntarily, or as the result of illness or accident, during a Trip.

Enclosed with this form is a copy of our **Responsibility Statement and Terms and Conditions (including Assumption of Risk and Arbitration Agreement)**. As a condition to acceptance of this application and participation on the Trip, You acknowledge that You must sign the following statement:

You have read and agree to the Responsibility Statement and the Terms and Conditions (as included below) and understand that they include a release of liability that will be binding upon You and Your family, heirs, and legal representatives. You further agree to release and hold National Geographic (as defined herein) and PST (as defined herein) harmless from any and all liability, loss, or damage that may arise out of the Student's participation in this Trip. If any provision of this agreement is held to be unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement is enforceable.

Please sign below where indicated confirming Your agreement with the foregoing:

Name of Student (please print):	
Signature of Student:	Date: / /
Name of Parent/Guardian (if Student is under 18 years old; please print):	
Signature of Guardian (if Student is under 18 years old):	Date: / /
Please mail the signed application form back to Putney Student Travel, Inc. The application process cannot be completed without this signed Application.	

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

National Geographic Student Expeditions (“NGSE”) will provide educational enrichment for trips (each a “Trip”) as outlined in its catalog and on its website (ngstudentexpeditions.com) and has licensed Putney Student Travel, Inc., its employees, shareholders, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, and assigns, (collectively, “PST”), a Vermont corporation based in Putney, Vermont, to organize and administer the Trip. PST, in turn, acts only as an agent for any transportation carriers, hotels, ground operators, and other suppliers of some of the services connected with the Trip (“Other Providers”), and those Other Providers are solely responsible and liable for providing their respective services. Neither NGSE nor PST owns, operates, supervises, and/or manages those Other Providers which are to or do provide goods or services for the Trip, including, for example, lodging facilities of any kind, airline, vessel, or other transportation companies, local guides, guide services, or local ground operators (even if they use the PST or NGSE name), providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service or entertainment providers, etc. The passenger tickets in use by the carriers will constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the passenger; the carriers are not responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the Students are not aboard their conveyances. All such Other Providers are independent contractors. As a result, neither NGSE nor PST is liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any Other Provider, or of any other third party.

National Geographic Partners, LLC d/b/a National Geographic Student Expeditions, its parents, subsidiaries, and their respective employees, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, representatives, assigns (collectively “National Geographic”) and PST will not be held liable for (A) any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or any damage to personal property, whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, acts of government, incidents, attacks, or bites from domestic or wild animals or insects, strikes or other labor activities, athletic or sporting events or endeavors including the normal risk associated with same, epidemics or the threat thereof, adequacy or availability of health services and/or evacuation services if necessary, criminal, terrorist or threatened terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart in a timely manner, or loss, damage or delay in delivery of luggage and/or personal effects; or (B) any damage to, or loss of, property or injury to, or death of, persons occasioned directly or indirectly by an act or omission of any Other Provider, including but not limited to any defect in any aircraft, watercraft, or vehicle operated or provided by such Other Provider. I (the parent/guardian) and the Trip participant (the “Student”) (Student and I are collectively referred to herein as “You”) waive any claim against National Geographic and/or PST for any such loss, damage, injury, or death.

By registering for the Trip, You certify that the Student does not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself or herself or other Students. NGSE and PST reserve the right in their sole discretion to accept, decline to accept, or remove the Student from the Trip. NGSE and PST reserve the right, without penalty, to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their judgment, conditions warrant or if they deem it necessary or desirable for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the Students.

Neither National Geographic nor PST shall be liable for any air carrier’s cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket to or from the Student’s Trip departure city. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the Student.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE “ARBITRATION AGREEMENT” SECTION BELOW CONTAINS PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE (i) WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, ALL DISPUTES ARISING BETWEEN YOU AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND/OR PST UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO BE RESOLVED IN BINDING ARBITRATION, AND NOT IN COURT, AND (ii) YOU AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC AND PST WAIVE THE RIGHT TO BRING OR PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DISPUTES. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ AND REVIEW CAREFULLY THE ENTIRE SECTION LABELED “ARBITRATION AGREEMENT” BELOW. BY ACCEPTING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE ARBITRATION AGREEMENT.

ELIGIBILITY: Students ages 13 and older who are completing 7th and 8th grades are eligible to participate in a middle school Trip. Students completing 9th through 12th grades are eligible to participate in a high school Trip.

SCHOLARSHIP COVERS: All meals, lodging, activities, supplemental fees associated with applicable Photography and Film & Video On Assignment projects, if applicable, excursions, airfare, ground transportation, taxes, gratuities, and pre-trip materials are included.

SCHOLARSHIP DOES NOT COVER: Scholarship specifically excludes costs of obtaining passports or visas, baggage charges, medical expenses and immunizations, trip cancellation insurance or any other travel insurance, personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls, and any other items not specifically noted as included.

ITINERARY CHANGES: NGSE and PST have carefully planned each of the Trips on this website; however, there may be instances where the Trip descriptions and staff presented on this website may change. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate Trips as planned, but alterations may still occur after the final itinerary is sent. To get the most out of their experience, Students need to be flexible in responding to unforeseen situations and in taking advantage of unexpected opportunities.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Valid passports are required for travel to the international destinations; check with NGSE for the latest requirements and assistance. For destinations that require a visa for U.S. citizens, NGSE will provide detailed information on how to obtain a visa. Non-U.S. citizens must check on their own visa requirements or contact NGSE for help determining those requirements.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: The Student must be in good physical condition and mental health. Any condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported to PST in writing before May 19, 2018. NGSE and PST encourage You to consult a doctor for specific medical advice about any activities or destinations.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND COVERAGE: You must complete and sign the Permission for Emergency Treatment form as a prerequisite for the Student’s participation on the Trip. You certify that the Student has medical insurance which will cover personal accidents, medical expenses, medical evacuation, air ambulance, loss of effects, repatriation costs, and all other expenses which might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay, or inconvenience occurring to the Student, or that in the absence of this medical insurance coverage, you agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on the Student’s behalf.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO: You grant to PST the right to take photographs or videos during the operation of any Trip, or part thereof, and to use the resulting photography, videos, or recordings for promotional or commercial use in perpetuity. You and the Student agree to allow the Student's likeness to be used by NGSE, NGSE-authorized third parties, and PST without compensation to You.

Copyright in all photographs, video, and text (including correspondence) created by the Student during the operation of any Trip, or part thereof, ("Expedition Materials") shall belong to the Student upon creation. You and the Student grant to PST, NGSE, and NGSE-authorized third parties a non-exclusive, worldwide, irrevocable license to use the Expedition Materials, in any media now existing or subsequently developed for the following limited purposes: editorial use, promotion of the editorial use, promotion of NGSE, promotion of the work of PST, or promotion of the mission of National Geographic Society.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FEEDBACK: National Geographic Student Expeditions scholarship recipients benefit from the generosity of individual donors. As a courtesy to those donors, it is essential that NGSE receive detailed feedback from all scholarship recipients about their experiences. We therefore require that each scholarship applicant and his/her parent/guardian agree to submit responses to questions on an evaluation form within 15 days of receipt of the evaluation request.

TAXABLE INCOME: The value of all prizes and scholarships are taxable income to the recipient, and we therefore are required to report National Geographic Student Expeditions scholarships to the IRS. If you are awarded a scholarship, we will send you a Form 1099 reporting the value of your award.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: By registering the Student for a Trip, You acknowledge that You are aware that travel such as the Trip the Student is undertaking involves potentially dangerous activities, some in remote areas of the world, with a risk of illness, injury, or death which may be caused by forces of nature, illness, or by willful or criminal conduct of third parties or by terrorism. You further acknowledge that weather conditions may be severe, adverse and/or unpleasant, and that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible or consistent with standards in the United States during some or all of the time during which the Student is participating on the Trip and that when available may not be of the quality which exists in the United States. You accept the entire risk attendant thereto and voluntarily accept the same as risks of the Student's participation in the Trip. In addition, You agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions hereto including policies on refunds.

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT: (1) NGSE and PST (collectively "Trip Provider"), and You agree that any and all disputes and claims that each of You and Trip Provider may have against the other that arise out of or relate to this Agreement and the Trip, including the breach, termination, enforcement, interpretation or validity of this Agreement, including the agreement to arbitrate (the "Arbitration Agreement") and the scope or applicability of this Arbitration Agreement (collectively, "Disputes"), including but not limited to the arbitrability of any and all Disputes, and even if the events giving rise to Disputes occurred before this Arbitration Agreement became effective, will be resolved in a binding, confidential, individual and fair arbitration process, and not in court. Each of You and Trip Provider agrees to give up the right to sue in court. Each of You and Trip Provider also agrees to give up the right to have Disputes heard by a jury and the ability to seek to represent, in a class action or otherwise (see paragraph 9 of this Arbitration Agreement below). The only exceptions to this Arbitration Agreement are that (i) each of You and Trip Provider retains the right to sue in small claims court and (ii) each of You and Trip Provider may

bring suit in court against the other to enjoin infringement or other misuse of intellectual property rights.

(2) This Agreement evidences a transaction in interstate commerce, and thus the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1-16, governs the interpretation and enforcement of this Arbitration Agreement. This Arbitration Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement.

(3) Any arbitration between You and Trip Provider will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") and will be governed by the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules and the Supplementary Procedures for Consumer Related Disputes (collectively, the "AAA Rules"), as modified by this Arbitration Agreement. The AAA Rules are available online at www.adr.org, or by calling the AAA at 1-800-778-7879. The arbitration will be conducted by a single arbitrator. If You and Trip Provider cannot agree on who that single arbitrator should be, then the AAA shall appoint an arbitrator with significant experience resolving the type of Dispute at issue. The arbitrator is bound by the terms of this Agreement.

(4) If either You or Trip Provider wants to arbitrate a Dispute, You or Trip Provider must first send by mail to the other a written Notice of Dispute ("Notice") that sets forth the name, address, and contact information of the party giving notice, the specific facts giving rise to the Dispute, the Trip to which the Notice relates, and the relief requested. Your Notice to Trip Provider must be sent by mail to Arbitration Notice of Dispute, c/o Business and Legal Affairs, Litigation VP, 1145 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036. Trip Provider will send any Notice to You at the contact information Trip Provider has for You or that You provide. It is the sender's responsibility to ensure that the recipient receives the Notice. During the first 45 days after You or Trip Provider sends a Notice to the other, You and Trip Provider may try to reach a settlement of the Dispute. If You and Trip Provider do not resolve the Dispute within those first 45 days, either You or Trip Provider may initiate arbitration in accordance with the rules and procedures provided for by the AAA. A form for initiating formal arbitration may be found on the AAA's website at www.adr.org ("Arbitration Form"). In addition to filing this Arbitration Form with AAA in accordance with its rules and procedures, You must send a copy of this completed Arbitration Form to Trip Provider at the address listed above to which You sent your Notice of Dispute.

(5) AAA charges fees to conduct arbitrations. Ordinarily, the claimant has to pay that fee to start a case, but if You wish to commence an arbitration against Trip Provider, and You are seeking to recover less than \$5,000 (inclusive of attorneys' fees), You will not have to pay this filing fee; Trip Provider will pay it on your behalf. If You are seeking to recover \$5,000 or more, You will have to pay the filing fee charged by AAA, but Trip Provider will reimburse that fee if You win the arbitration.

(6) If You are seeking to recover \$10,000 or less, AAA rules provide that the Dispute should be resolved without a hearing, by submission of documents only. Either You or Trip Provider may request a hearing, however, and be responsible for the fees associated with it. If the arbitrator recommends a hearing, even if neither You nor Trip Provider request one, Trip Provider will pay the arbitrator's fees associated with the hearing. If the claim is for more than \$10,000, the manner and place of the hearing will be determined in accordance with the AAA Rules.

(7) Regardless of how the arbitration proceeds, the arbitrator shall issue a reasoned written decision sufficient to explain his or her findings and conclusions.

(8) Each of You and Trip Provider may incur attorneys' fees during the arbitration. In addition to whatever rights You may have to recover your attorneys' fees under Applicable Law, if You prevail in the arbitration, and if Trip Provider failed to make a settlement offer to You before the arbitration or the amount You win is at least 25% greater than Trip Provider's highest settlement offer to resolve the Dispute, then Trip Provider will pay your reasonable attorneys' fees in addition to the amount the arbitrator awarded. If Trip Provider wins the arbitration, You will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees. In addition, if the arbitrator, at the request of the winning party, finds that the losing party brought a Dispute or asserted a defense frivolously or for an improper purpose, then regardless of the amount in dispute, the arbitrator must order the losing party to

pay both sides' arbitration fees and may order the losing party to pay the winning party's reasonable attorneys' fees, unless such an award of fees is prohibited by Applicable Law.

(9) The arbitrator may award declaratory or injunctive relief only in favor of the individual party seeking relief and only to the extent necessary to provide relief warranted by that party's individual claim. The arbitrator may not order Trip Provider to pay any monies to or take any actions with respect to persons other than You, unless Trip Provider explicitly consents in advance, after an arbitrator is selected, to permit the arbitrator to enter such an order. YOU AND PROVIDER AGREE THAT EACH MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY IN YOUR OR ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS, REPRESENTATIVE OR MULTI-CLAIMANT PROCEEDING. Further, unless Trip Provider agrees, the arbitrator may not consolidate other persons' claims with yours, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a representative, multi-claimant or class proceeding. If this specific provision is found to be unenforceable, then the entirety of this Arbitration Agreement shall be null and void, but the rest of this Agreement, including the provisions governing where actions against Trip Provider must be pursued, will remain in effect.

(10) You and Trip Provider agree to maintain the confidential nature of the arbitration proceeding and shall not disclose the fact of the arbitration, any documents exchanged as part of any mediation, proceedings of the arbitration, the arbitrator's decision and the existence or amount of any award, except as may be necessary to prepare for or conduct the arbitration (in which case anyone becoming privy to confidential information must undertake to preserve its confidentiality), or except as may be necessary in connection with a court application for a provisional remedy, a judicial challenge to an award or its enforcement, or unless otherwise required by law or court order.

PRIVACY POLICY: Our privacy policy can be found at nationalgeographic.com/community/privacy/

MAILING LIST: If You are receiving duplicate catalogs, have address updates, or would like to be removed from future National Geographic Student Expeditions mailings, please call toll-free 1-877-877-8759.

COMPLETE TERMS: For the most complete and up-to-date Terms and Conditions, please see ngstudentexpeditions.com/terms