



Gap Year

Private funding

Many private organizations offer scholarships and funding. Our recommendation? Check out Rotary International, or ask other community service clubs in your area if they would be willing to sponsor you. For help creating a proposal, ask your EF Gap Year advisor. Keep in mind that every bit helps, and don't be discouraged from applying for scholarships that might seem small.

FOR MORE INFO

Check out this extensive link on the Gap Year Association's webpage. The link also walks you through some other creative options:

<https://www.gapyearassociation.org/financial-aid.php>

Travel Access Project Gap Year Grant

Travel Access Project awards up to ten \$3,000 scholarships annually for Gap Year travel and education. The grant money can be used toward travel or educational costs associated with your Gap Year.

FOR MORE INFO

<http://www.travelaccessproject.org>

Fundraising

Try fundraising! Write members of your community, try crowdfunding, host a talent show, or hold a bake sale. You might even ask your employer if they'd be willing to match every dollar you earn with a donation for your gap year. Let us know what works for you!

FOR MORE INFO

The experts at American Gap Association have a great page describing some tried and true fundraising methods:

<http://gapyearassociation.org/blog/how-to-raise-money-for-your-international-gap-year/>

How can I pay for my gap year?

SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

PRIVATE FUNDING

GRANTS

FUNDRAISING

EF Gap Year scholarships

Consider applying for an EF Gap Year scholarship! We currently have up to \$20,000 available in grants, and several ways to be awarded this funding. Feel free to apply to any or all of them.

EF GAP YEAR MARKETING SCHOLARSHIPS

Available scholarships:

\$2,000 Gap Year (2 total)
\$1,000 Gap Semester (6 total)

Blogging

We're looking for a skilled writer to journal and blog their EF Gap experience to help us market our programs. To apply, please send a writing sample of no more than 750 words and a short essay describing your writing experience and vision for this project (500 word maximum).

Photography

We're looking for a skilled photographer to document their EF Gap experience for our website and brochures. To apply, please send 4 to 7 photographs demonstrating your photography ability along with a short essay describing your vision for this project (500 word maximum).

Videography

We're looking for a skilled videographer to record moments of their EF Gap experience for our website and social media. To apply, please send a compilation of your video work (maximum 5 minutes total) demonstrating your videography ability along with a short essay describing your vision for this project (500 word maximum).

Please note: Any content you generate for one of these scholarships would become the property of EF.

EF GAP YEAR GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship amount:

\$5,000 Gap Year (1 total)
\$2,500 Gap Semester (2 total)

We're committed to helping our very best candidates join our program. To apply, please submit a written essay (1,000 word maximum) or 5-minute video outlining your reasons for choosing EF Gap Year and how this scholarship will help you reach your goals of becoming a leader of a more globally connected world. A select number of finalists will be chosen for an interview. Winners will be chosen from this smaller pool of interviewed finalists.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for any of our scholarships, you will first need to submit an enrollment application. Once you have been pre-accepted, you can complete the assignment outlined for each of the scholarships above and email them to: scholarships@efgapyear.com

The deadline for all Gap Year or Semester applicants with a September start date is June 30. Finalists will be interviewed within a week. Winners will be notified by July 15.

The deadline for all Gap Semester applicants with a January start date is October 30. Finalists will be interviewed within a week. Winners will be notified by November 15.

University-based financial aid

Several U.S. colleges offer financial aid specifically designed for gap years or favor students who have taken gap years. If you've been accepted into one of the following colleges, take a look! If you haven't applied to college yet, these are worth keeping in mind:

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

From UNC's website: "Interested students can now combine their love for travel and commitment to service by applying for the new Global Gap Year Fellowship, which is open to students who apply for our Early Action deadline and are admitted to Carolina ... The fellowship is made possible by an anonymous donation of \$1.5 million aimed at students who would be otherwise financially unable to fund a gap year. UNC will be selecting seven incoming first-year students for a Global Gap Year Fellowship. The fellowship provides \$7,500 to each student for use toward a gap year that is committed to service abroad.

"Gap Year Fellows will receive support from staff and students as they prepare for their year abroad. Fellows will then integrate their experience into their education when they return to campus with the support of GAPPL, a student community dedicated to advocating gap years and supporting gappers and GGY Fellows upon their return."

FOR MORE INFO

<http://admissions.unc.edu/explore/enrich-your-education/global-gap-year-fellowship/>

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

From American Gap Association's website: "FSU is proud to be one of the few universities in the country (and the second public university) to offer financial assistance to students taking a gap year. Students applying for a gap year deferment will automatically be considered for a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to support their gap year. FSU is committed to helping make the transformative opportunities afforded by a gap year accessible to students regardless of their family's income."

FOR MORE INFO

<http://admissions.fsu.edu/freshman/gapyear/>

WARREN WILSON COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

From Warren Wilson's website: "Awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership capacity or commitment to their community, including involvement in some form of volunteer activity. Students may also be considered who have excelled in extra-curricular activities, including athletic teams, student governance, gap-year programs, semester schools, Outward Bound and more."

FOR MORE INFO

<https://www.warren-wilson.edu/admission/tuition-and-aid/scholarships/>