The Experiment invites students from American Canyon High School, Benicia High School, Saint Patrick’s High School, and Berkeley High School to apply for a number of large partial scholarships from the Susan A. West San Francisco Bay Area Experiment Scholarship Fund. The scholarship can cover between $1,000 and $7,000 depending on need and program placement.

Scholarship recipients must:
- Be flexible regarding program placement
- Have financial need
- Be mature, open-minded, and ready to experience a new culture

Scholarship recipients and their families will need to pay for:
- The remainder of the program fee and international airfare
- Roundtrip domestic airfare to/from the program departure/return airport
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Immunizations, if applicable
- Personal spending money during the program

Scholarship recipients are required to:
- Attend The Experiment’s predeparture orientation in the spring, in the Bay Area or online
- Attend our Welcome Back Night in the fall, in the Bay Area
- Write a post-program reflection essay that we will share with our donors
HOW TO APPLY

**SUBMIT APPLICATION FORM.**

Complete the online application form for admission and financial aid at [experiment.org/apply](http://experiment.org/apply) by December 15, 2023. Choose “yes” to the question “Were you nominated to apply by your sponsoring organization, mentoring organization, or sending high school?” Then choose “Benicia High School, American Canyon High School, Berkeley High School, or St. Patrick’s High School - Susan A. West Bay Area Scholarship” from “The Experiment Partner Organization/School” dropdown menu.

**GET A PASSPORT.**

If you do not have a passport valid through February 28, 2025 you are required to apply for a passport at the time of application. The average wait time for new passport applications is 12 weeks. Visit [travel.state.gov/passports](http://travel.state.gov/passports) to apply for or renew your passport ASAP. Non-U.S. citizens should check with their local embassy to apply or renew their passport and learn about visa requirements and travel restrictions.

**SUBMIT CONFIRMATION MATERIALS.**

Applicants will need to submit the following materials to be considered for an interview: Conditions of Participation form, health forms, an electronic color copy of your signed passport, a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination card, and Acknowledgement of Risk form.

**INTERVIEW.**

By February, you will be invited to attend a required group interview session in person or online. By March, you will hear from The Experiment if you have been accepted, your program match, and if scholarships/financial aid are applicable.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS OR THE APPLICATION PROCESS, CONTACT:

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