



NomadMania Scholarship Fund 2021

Why Launch in 2020/2021?

This has clearly been a difficult year for the whole world. We believe that something is better than nothing. Sending a positive message of giving, we feel it is a small contribution to the new awakening of the world as of 2021 that we are all aiming for. Given that many around the world are going through hard times, we feel that offering this opportunity to young people with demonstrated resilience and academic excellence is the right thing to do, and would serve to motivate and inspire them further.

Applicability – How is the NomadMania Scholarship to be used?

There are two paths that a successful scholarship recipient can choose from. The preferred choice, along with a concrete travel plan, must be submitted to NomadMania before the scholarship is approved.

- a. **Short study abroad programme.** The recipient can embark on a short course of their choosing in another country; this can be any type of course, from language learning to a particular skill or subject. The course should be chosen such that the programme fee along with the cost of travel, accommodation and daily expenses can be fully covered by the NomadMania scholarship.
- b. **3-week travel experience.** If this is chosen, the recipient must work along with NomadMania to create an approved itinerary which will include visits to specific cultural, historical or geographical sites of importance which will need to be documented.

Please note that NomadMania cannot be held responsible for passports, visas or any other documents needed for travel. These will be the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient. Should the recipient fail to obtain all necessary documents for international travel within three months of the announcement of the award, the Scholarship will be considered null and void.

Also note that, in order to ensure due diligence, a maximum of 20% of the scholarship will be awarded directly to the recipient if path (a) above is chosen, with the remainder going directly for the cost of the programme and travel itself. In path (b) above, NomadMania will work together with the recipient to optimize the experience from start to finish.

Selection Criteria

The purpose of this scholarship is to give the opportunity to travel to those who are financially unable to do so and who have not previously had the opportunity to travel. Therefore, you should meet these requirements if you want to be considered:

- Be a First-Time Traveller
- Be from an eligible country which has experienced enduring conflict recently (see above list) and have a demonstrable low family income
- Be proficient in one of: English, French, or Spanish if none of these is your native language, or two of: English, French or Spanish if one of these is your native language
- Be in good standing with your university
- Be in good standing with your work, if applicable
- Have a desire to travel, curiously explore new cultures, and positively share your experiences with your home community and the NomadMania travel community



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- Contribute content to the NomadMania community for the website. As part of your scholarship, you will have to submit 2 blog entries consisting of 2 written articles, and photos (or video). One should be submitted before or during your travels, and one upon completion.
- Provide mentorship to future scholarship winners
- Create and update a NomadMania profile

FAQs

What is a “First-Time Traveller”?

In general, a First-Time Traveller will have no experience traveling abroad alone. Travel with family is not considered traveling abroad alone. Preference will be given to those with the least experience travelling.

What is a “Low-Income Traveller”?

In general, this means a traveller from a low-income background. Please explain your personal circumstances in your application.

What does it mean to “be in good standing” with my university or work?

We will need a recommendation letter from a teacher, guidance counselor or boss. Please have them outline why they think you would be a good candidate for the scholarship and why you would be a great promoter of cultural exchange.

Application

All scholarship applicants must follow the instructions below.

SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION CHECKLIST

- Students who have completed their second year of study in a university in their country of citizenship, which must be an eligible country (see Fund Overview section)
- Students must be enrolled full-time in an accredited university or college
- Only citizens of countries specified in the Fund Overview section above are eligible
- Funds must be used for travel as specified in the Applicability section
- Official current university/college transcript required for current students
- All travel-related documents (passport, visa, etc.) are the responsibility of the student
- Applications and supporting documentation **must** be submitted in **PDF** format to be considered
- Deadline for application submissions is 31 January 2021, 11 pm GMT.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Prepare and complete the following list of documents.
2. **Scan** each document **in the order listed below**.
3. Save your application as **ONE single PDF file**.
4. Email the PDF file (Email Title: NomadMania Scholarship 2021) to: scholarships@nomadmania.com by 31 January 2021, 11pm GMT.

Required Documents

- a. Official current university/college transcript
- b. **Essay 1 – “Who am I?”** Why should you be chosen for this scholarship? Why should we consider you a First-Time Traveller? If you were to receive the scholarship, how would you use it? What are your goals and what do you hope to achieve from the experience? How do you expect the travel experience to impact you? (Must be between 500 and 750 words.)
- c. **Essay 2 – “Ethics of World Travel”** What are some of the ethical issues related to travel today? How will this impact future travels? (Must be between 500 and 750 words.)
- d. **Idea of your travel plan** – Which of the two paths do you wish to be considered for, and what is your specific proposal for this? (No longer than 250 words.)
- e. **Recommendation** – Include a **letter of recommendation** with the application packet from a professor, employer or a leader of a community service initiative.
- f. **CV or Resume & Extra-Curricular Activities** – Attach a CV or resume including your work experience, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, and community service.

Please ensure that all the necessary contents are included with your application packet and are submitted as **ONE single PDF file**.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: On or before 31 January 2021. No late submissions will be accepted.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the second round of the application process.

The NomadMania Board will review all applications and choose 20 finalists who will be contacted by March 31, 2021. Finalists will then be asked to film a short 2-minute video presentation of themselves in English, French, or Spanish explaining why they believe they are the best candidate to receive the travel scholarship. Final decisions will be made by the NomadMania community itself through a review of all videos and an online vote.

Terms of Acceptance

Scholarship recipients will become NomadMania content creators. We want to showcase your experience and programme on the NomadMania website. As part of your scholarship, you will be required to create the following for NomadMania:

- Write 2 blog posts of at least 1,000 words about your programme and experience: one must be before or during the travel experience and the other following its completion.
- Submit 10 high-resolution photos (or video substitutes) to NomadMania of your time abroad.
- Complete an interview with NomadMania at the end of your travel experience.
- Agree to be a mentor for the 2022 scholarship winners/travellers.

Scholarship recipients are required to use the funds received as defined in the Applicability section.