



## 2022-2023 Scholarship Application

### Introduction

Springfield Sister Cities Association (SSCA) is pleased to offer financial aid to assist Springfield, Mo. area citizens of all ages in traveling to Springfield's sister cities of Isesaki, Japan and Tlaquepaque, Mexico.

Available trips and scholarship application deadlines include:

- **Tlaquepaque and Dia de Los Muertos Young Professionals Trip – Mon., Oct. 31-Sat., Nov. 5, 2022**  
Priority Scholarship Application Deadline: Thu., Aug. 11, 2022
- **Tlaquepaque – Tue., Jan. 31-Mon., Feb. 6, 2023**  
Priority Scholarship Application Deadline: Thu., Aug. 11, 2022  
Preferred Deposit Deadline: Fri., Nov. 4, 2022
- **Tlaquepaque and Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Site – Wed., Feb. 8-Thu., Feb. 16, 2022**  
Priority Scholarship Application Deadline: Thu., Aug. 11, 2022  
Preferred Deposit Deadline: Fri., Nov. 11, 2022
- **Isesaki – Tue., Sept. 20-Fri., Sept. 30, 2023**  
Priority Scholarship Application Deadline: Thu., June 8, 2023  
Preferred Deposit Deadline: Fri., July 28, 2023

Visit [peacethroughpeople.org](http://peacethroughpeople.org) for more information on each trip. Trip details are subject to change.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be paid members of SSCA living within the greater Springfield, Mo. area.

Applicants should have a passport valid for at least 6 months after trip departure or be in the process of obtaining one. If you have not started the process, plan for about two weeks to gather the necessary documents for the application and four to six weeks for processing.

### Process

Applications are reviewed by a committee and selected based on financial need, ability to fund remaining fees, and ability to be a positive ambassador of Springfield.

Priority is given to applications which demonstrate engagement with SSCA and its mission of "Peace through People." Amounts distributed are based on availability of funds.

Applicants may be invited to participate in an in-person interview. Interviews are scheduled based on applicant availability.

## Recipient Requirements

Financial aid recipients are required to submit written reports and relevant media (photographs, videos, etc.) to SSCA within two weeks of trip completion. This content may be used to promote the scholarship program and future trips. Recipients may also be expected to present oral reports.

## Instructions

Complete application online at [peacethroughpeople.org](http://peacethroughpeople.org) or by using the form below. Narratives may be attached if additional space is needed, but each narrative should not exceed 500 words. Typed submissions are preferred.

Applicants are notified of results within six weeks of the preferred application deadline.

## Questions

For more information, please visit [peacethroughpeople.org](http://peacethroughpeople.org). You may also contact the SSCA office at 417-864-1191 or [sistercities@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:sistercities@springfieldmo.gov). SSCA's mailing address is 2400 S. Scenic Ave., Springfield, MO 65807.

## Application

First:	Last:	
Employer/School:		
Profession/Area of Study:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Birthdate ( <i>optional</i> ):	Ethnicity ( <i>optional</i> ):	
Gender ( <i>optional</i> ):	Household Income:	

Please explain your household income and demonstrate your financial need and ability to fund remaining costs (include employer support if applicable):

In what ways will you be a positive ambassador of Springfield and SSCA's mission of "Peace through People" while traveling with SSCA?

In what ways will you spread SSCA's mission of "Peace through People" in Springfield?

Please list and explain your past and present involvement with SSCA and/or demonstrate your commitment to become involved with SSCA:

Please list and explain your past and present community involvement in Springfield:

Please check all that apply:

- I am a current paid member of Springfield Sister Cities Association.
- I understand that scholarship award recipients are required to produce a written report and relevant media (photographs, videos, etc.) within two weeks of trip completion.
- I have a passport valid for at least 6 months after trip departure.
- I am in the process of obtaining a valid passport.

Please request up to three letters of recommendation to be e-mailed directly to Lisa Bakerink, [lbakerink@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:lbakerink@springfieldmo.gov) (optional).