Association for Teen-Age Diplomats

GARY SIMON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE APPLICATION

The Association for Teen-Age Diplomats is proud to offer a full scholarship for the 201__ exchange program. This will be awarded to a Rochester City School District student to one of the following countries of the student's choice:

Country	Program Length	Language Requirements
Caltanissetta, Italy	summer or year	2 years Italian or Spanish
Iquitos, Peru	summer or semester	2 years Spanish
Izmir, Turkey	summer or year	
Krakow, Poland	summer	
Novgorod, Russia	summer or semester	
Bamako, Mali	summer	2 years French
Rennes, France	summer or year	2 years French
Rehovot, Israel	summer	
Wurzburg, Germany	year or summer	German proficiency for year

The scholarship is in honor of Wilson Magnet School Administrator Gary Simon, who dedicated his life to the Rochester City School District and to the advancement of international understanding.

ATAD, founded in 1951, is a nonprofit organization that coordinates Rochester's Sister Cities and Direct Exchange Programs in the Monroe County area. ATAD has handled over 5000 Americans going overseas and Internationals coming to the Rochester area. The purpose of the ATAD student exchange program is to improve understanding among people and cultures through a family living experience.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Rochester City School District student who:
- has completed 10th grade prior to departure
- will be between the ages of 15½ and 18 on July 1st of the year of departure
- has a minimum GPA for the last 2 years of B- or 81%

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete the "Americans Overseas Exchange Student Program Application," available at www.ATAD.org.
2. Answer the four essay questions below.
3. Mail all of the above to: Peggy Lull, 19 Bradford Rd, Rochester, NY 14618.
   Application MUST be postmarked NO LATER than December 31st.
   Please Note: It is understood that it may not be possible to complete the "Health Information Form C" prior to the deadline date for receiving the application, but all other parts of the application must be completed to be considered for the scholarship.

4. The applications will be screened by the ATAD Vice-President. Students meeting minimum requirements will be invited for an ATAD Regional Interview in the afternoon of _____. (SAVE THIS DATE NOW.)
5. An ATAD selection committee will review the results of the interview, application, and essay questions, and select the semi-finalists to be interviewed for the scholarship.
6. All scholarship applicants will be notified in writing on or about January 25th as to their status.
7. Semifinalists will be interviewed by an ATAD and community selection committee the afternoon of _____. (NO SUBSTITUTE DATES FOR THIS INTERVIEW CAN BE SCHEDULED.)
8. The winner of the scholarship will be announced on or about February 10th.

SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES

All round trip travel arrangements from Rochester, ATAD pin, orientations, family living experience and cultural exchange, support services in the US and abroad for student and family.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer each of the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Answers must be typed or neatly printed, and be ½-1 page each. Put your name and address on each sheet of paper.

1. Describe your relationship with each member of your family. In what way is your family important and/or special to you?

2. Describe your most rewarding experience which related to another culture, and explain why you found this rewarding. Another culture does not necessarily have to mean a person from a foreign country.

3. Describe a non-academic situation during the past year where you have had to face defeat or failure, or have made a mistake, and explain how you felt and dealt with the situation.

4. Reflect for a moment on what it will be like to live as a member of a family in a foreign country. Other than language, what problems or challenges might you expect to encounter, and how might you deal with them?