

**PHOENIX SISTER CITIES
YOUTH AMBASSADOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Total estimated costs of participation vary from \$ 1140.00 to \$ 2724.00, depending upon the airfare to each participant's destination exchange city:

CITY	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST
Calgary, Canada	540.00
Catania, Italy	2025.00
Chengdu, China	2099.00
Ennis, Ireland	1145.00
Grenoble, France	1875.00
Hermosillo, Mexico	515.00
Himeji, Japan	1185.00
Prague, Czech Republic	1615.00
Ramat-Gan, Israel	1815.00
Taipei, Taiwan	1595.00

The cost breaks down as follows:

\$325

DEPOSIT

Portions of the deposit are applied to pay for a family membership in Phoenix Sister Cities as well as for a required host family background check. \$100 of the deposit is refundable upon the successful completion of the program and all Youth Ambassador duties, including the recruitment of future participants.

\$515-\$2099

AIRFARE & ASSOCIATED COSTS

The airfare costs vary with the destination city. Participants are responsible for costs of their airline tickets and for associated travel, office and processing fees.

\$200

HOSTING COSTS

These are estimated, miscellaneous, out-of-pocket costs associated with hosting a visiting exchange student during the Phoenix portion of the exchange program. (This does not include food costs for your visitor while in your home.)

\$100

TRAVEL INSURANCE

International travel insurance is mandatory for all YAEP participants, and is arranged for by the program. Coverage includes all emergency medical expenses while abroad and during travel to/from the destination city

There are no application fees or payments due prior to being selected. The deposit is due within 10 days of notification that the student has been accepted into the program, unless the student has qualified for a scholarship. Scholarships are determined on a percentage basis according to demonstrated need. The percentage will apply to all program fees. This percentage may not fully cover all program costs. If this is the case, the student will be responsible for the remaining balance. Payment plans are available to all participants; however the balance must be paid in full prior to the student's departure in early June.

Phoenix Sister Cities is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity. Your cash and in-kind donations may be tax deductible (consult with your tax advisor).

If accepted into the YAEP, in addition to the time commitments (see the Mandatory Calendar); there is a commitment to raising funds. This includes various fund raising activities, including a letter writing campaign, car wash, and additional parent organized fundraising efforts. Altogether, these efforts raise approximately \$1000 per student. All monies raised support hosting program activities, e.g., charter buses, group trips to the Grand Canyon and Disneyland, occasional group meals, cultural activities, and more. The more funds that are pledged and raised directly translate into more support for program activities.

Scholarship applicants (due at the time of initial application) will be made aware of their qualifying allowance upon acceptance to the program. Only completed scholarship applications, including supporting IRS transcripts, will be considered. Scholarships vary depending on demonstrated need.