

**CISV USA
Smoky Mountain Chapter
2019 PROGRAMS
FINANCIAL AID**

Sending your children to international programs can be a very exciting opportunity for them, but sometimes families have concerns about the cost of providing these opportunities. Because CISV is a totally volunteer organization, the costs of our programs are quite reasonable relative to other international opportunities that you might investigate for your children. However, we recognize that some families may need additional financial support, so the Smoky Mountain Chapter strives to help defray some of the costs for those families who could not otherwise participate in CISV programs. Financial assistance may be available to applicants receiving Invitations to Travel. A confidential Financial Aid Application (including the disclosure of personal financial records) is required. Determination of assistance will be based on applicant need and availability of the Chapter's financial aid funds.

If you think you may be interested in financial aid should your child be selected for a program, please note the following dates and processes for financial aid applications:

- January 11, 2019 Program Applications Due (child and parent interviews)
- January 26, 2016 Invitation to Travel Letters Sent to Applicant
- February 1, 2019 Financial Aid Applications Due
- February 8, 2019 Financial Aid Decisions Emailed to Applicants
- February 15, 2019 Commitment Date – invited applicants must confirm participation in a program by this date
- March 3, 2019 Celebration Tea for program delegates and leaders

To apply for Financial Aid from the Smoky Mountain Chapter, please send an email to SmokyMtnScholarship@cisvusa.org to request an application form.

All details provided on the financial aid application form will remain confidential with the scholarship committee. Estimated budgets will be provided to serve as a guide when requesting funding. Because this is a non-profit volunteer organization, we will ask for a reconciliation of expenses at the end of the program. This can be used to increase aid (when possible) if expenses are significantly more than anticipated; this can also be used to determine reimbursement to the Chapter for any unused funds. In this way we can continue to help other families in the future.

CISV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, independent, non-political, volunteer organization. We are a global community of dedicated volunteers, creating opportunities for all ages to experience the excitement and enrichment of cultural diversity through our educational programs. We are founded on our belief that peace is possible through friendship – and that the real difference can be made by starting with children.