



ECS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Two scholarship programs have been established by The Colorado Springs School to provide financial assistance to students specific to the Experience-Centered Seminar (ECS) program.

The two scholarship programs are as follows.

- 1. John-Alex Mason Memorial ECS Merit Scholarship:** This merit-based award covers the full cost of enrollment in an international ECS for a student in 11th or 12th grade. Only **one** John-Alex Mason Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year. The John-Alex Mason recipient will be determined separately from the ECS placement criteria and will automatically get placed into his or her first-choice ECS. All juniors and seniors applying for an ECS scholarship and declaring a first-choice ECS that will be based in an international destination will be considered for this scholarship.
- 2. ECS Need-Based Scholarships:** Multiple scholarships are awarded annually under this program. The specific number of awards given depends on the applicant pool and the amount of funds available. ECS Need-Based Scholarships cover only a portion of the full cost of the given ECS applied for. The general expectation by CSS is that the total cost for an ECS be divided equally among three contributors: $\frac{1}{3}$ be paid for by the student, $\frac{1}{3}$ by the student's family, and $\frac{1}{3}$ provided by the ECS Need-Based Scholarship. Children of CSS faculty are not eligible for ECS Need-Based Scholarships.

Any student may earn a maximum of **two (2) total scholarships** during his/her years in the Upper School. The **John-Alex Mason Memorial ECS Merit Scholarship** may only be won **once** per student regardless of previous ECS Need-Based Scholarship awards. ECS scholarship applicants who have met both award limits are ineligible to apply for additional consideration.

ECS scholarships are awarded based on content and quality of the student's application, financial need, and academic and social standing throughout a student's years of enrollment at CSS. In addition, scholarships are generally awarded based on demonstrated interest in the more expensive ECSs offered and a willingness on the student's part to personally invest in gaining access to the ECS. Students who accrue the most points according to the Placement Process Index have the greatest likelihood of being placed in a top-choice ECS, and only students placed in their top choice will be considered for a scholarship. As a result, scholarship preference may align with grade level seniority. Applicants are encouraged to rank ECS preferences with an aim for being funded by a scholarship, but with mindfulness towards the possibility of not being funded. This means that a student's second- and third-choice ECS preference rankings should align with a student's independent financial abilities.

Notification of scholarship status will be made by email to student and parents no later than Wednesday, June 6, 2018. All scholarship recipients are expected to write a letter of thanks to the ECS Scholarship Committee (drop off with Ann Runte in the reception office of the Trianon) by

June 13.