FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for a HAA Student Travel Support Fellowship?
To be eligible you must be enrolled at Harvard College as an undergraduate student and receive Harvard College grant assistance.

Where does the funding come from?
The Harvard college student travel scholarships are funded through the HAA Student Travel Support Fund, started by John Glazer ’87, a former trip participant, who wanted to help HAA provide future opportunities for Harvard college students.

Do I have to pay the $1,000 deposit if I am applying?
No, if you are applying for the scholarship, you do not need to pay a deposit or complete a registration form. Please only complete the scholarship application.

What documentation is required to participate in the program?
You need a passport that is valid 6 months beyond your departure date. A visa may be required depending on your country of origin. You are also required to sign and submit a consent form, liability waiver, and health clearance packet. Additionally, a copy of your Harvard College Transcript is requested by the faculty leaders.

How many students receive a Fellowship?
Awards are granted based on the number of supporting alumni travelers who register for each trip. We strive for least one scholarship per trip, but we are usually able to award at least two. We generally have a very good sense of whether a trip will operate by the scholarship deadline. While we have never had to cancel a “Spring Break in Greece” trip due to low enrollment, there always exists that possibility.

Is this a completely free trip?
This is an educational travel program designed to introduce you to the Harvard Alumni Association, teach you about the destination, and enjoy travel with fellow students, Harvard alumni travelers, and a Harvard professor. Scholarship awardees are not required to pay for their tour package, but there may be some exclusions such as an occasional meal or incidental and personal expenses. Awardees will also have some responsibilities as a scholarship participant as explained below.

Are there any tax implications?
There may be tax withholding or reporting implications based on citizenship type and status. See, Fellowship Payments Frequently Asked Questions, for additional information.
Will my Financial Aid Package be affected?
Please contact the Griffin Financial Aid Office for more information.

How do I apply and when is the deadline?
To apply, please complete the form below and submit it to Harvard Alumni Travels along with a copy of your transcript no later than Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

What kinds of responsibilities will I have?
• Prior to departure: Awardees must attend a pre-departure briefing organized by the Harvard Alumni Association and complete the mandatory online travel orientation presented by Global Support Services.
• During the trip: Awardees are required to travel with the Harvard group for the full duration of the program and participate in all activities. All participating students are expected to conduct their behavior according to the Harvard College Handbook for Students.
• After the trip: Within two weeks (14 days) of return to the United States, awardees will be required to submit a trip report (roughly two pages; double spaced) and 15 photos.

Will I have a roommate?
You will most likely be assigned a fellow student roommate.

How does Harvard Alumni Travels decide who receives a Fellowship?
Harvard Alumni Travels decides based on the quality of your submission and financial need (as validated through the financial aid office).

Can I still go on the trip if I don’t win a Fellowship?
Yes! Each Harvard Alumni Travels spring break trip has a special discounted price available for Harvard College students. Please check the trip details online for specific pricing information.

Can I apply for a Fellowship if I have done so in the past?
Yes, Harvard Alumni Travels encourages you to apply to the same program (if you did not previously receive the scholarship) or to a different spring break program (when applicable) more than once.

Is this trip guaranteed to operate?
Each trip has a minimum group size required to operate. If we do not get enough participants, we may need to cancel the program. A trip will also not operate if the U.S. Department of State issues a Level 4 rating of “Do Not Travel” to key destinations on the itinerary within 60 days of tour departure.

More questions?
Please call Harvard Alumni Travels at 617-496-0806 or email us at haatravels@harvard.edu.
HAA STUDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP 2024
APPLICATION

PERSONAL DETAILS
PREFERRED FIRST & LAST NAME: ____________________________________________

HARVARD ID: ____________________________________________ CLASS YEAR: ____________________________

CONCENTRATION(S): ________________________________________________

CAMPUS ADDRESS: ________________________________________________

HOME CITY, STATE, & COUNTRY: ________________________________________

CELL PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________ EMAIL ADDRESS: __________________________

PASSPORT INFORMATION
FULL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT: ________________________________________________

PASSPORT PLACE OF ISSUE: ____________________________ PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: ________

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION
PLEASE CONFIRM THAT A COPY OF YOUR HARVARD COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT IS ATTACHED. ☐ YES

PROGRAM INFORMATION
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SPRING BREAK PROGRAM? _______________________________________

HAVE YOU TRAVELED WITH HARVARD IN THE PAST? ☐ NO ☐ YES IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE ORGANIZATION
AND WHERE YOU TRAVELED: _______________________________________________________________

HAVE YOU TAKEN A CLASS WITH PROFESSOR NAGY OR PROFESSOR WEISS? ☐ NO ☐ YES

IN ONE SENTENCE, WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM: ____________________________

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
In the expression of your choice (e.g., video, poem, song, essay, theatrical, etc.), please explain to us why you
are interested in participating in the Harvard Alumni Travels Spring Break program you are applying for, what
you hope to gain from the experience, and what you hope to offer. Please include a copy of your Harvard
College transcript. Please submit your application to Harvard Alumni Travels no later than January 3, 2024.
Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

We welcome your creativity, but please limit videos to three minutes and essays no longer than two pages.

Please name your application document: “YOUR NAME_HAA Travel Fellowship_2024”

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:
Harvard Alumni Travels email: haatravels@harvard.edu

Note: Our office will reach a decision by the week of January 23 and will contact all applicants.