

**Application for Consideration to Travel to Peru with SMA-WLS
Due on or before Friday, September 1**

Student's Name: _____

To maximize your experience and the experience of others on this special trip, your consideration of why you would like to participate and what it is that you would contribute are important. The qualities that are needed are many: relative emotional and social maturity, flexibility, an adventurous spirit, openness to unfamiliar foods and cultural traditions, responsiveness to direction (this is essential for personal and group safety), good health, a desire to learn and a stick-to-it attitude. Academic motivation and good standing are additional requirements that are essential components for acceptance. An anonymous committee of teachers and persons outside of SMA reviews applications. We would like to take everyone who applies and regret that we cannot. Thank you.

Please answer thoughtfully and with complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Three reasons why I would like to travel to Peru with SMA and WLS are: (attach)
2. Three skills and/or personal characteristics that I could contribute to the success of the group's experience in Peru are, and examples of how each skill or characteristic has contributed to a group's success in the past are: (attach)

Because travelers miss five to seven academic days of school, good academic standing and consistent display of academic motivation and organization are important. As well, the applicant's behavioral and social interactions are thoughtfully considered.

Please initial the following statements that apply to you.

_____ I am in good standing academically, rarely missing assignments or completing assignments below standard or late.

_____ I agree to sit down with each of my teachers two weeks before departure to complete a plan for the completion of necessary assignments.

_____ I agree to attend at least three math tutorial sessions after returning.

Additionally, student agreement to the following is necessary – please initial:

- I am committed to **engaging actively and consistently in all pre-and-post-trip curricular assignments and meetings**. Meetings will occur during students' rotation periods.
- I am committed to contributing to the well being of the group and understand that social and emotional health is a key characteristic to possess for this trip.

- I understand and agree that I will **not bring any electronic devices** on the trip, including cell phone, music device or electronic games.
- I agree **to contribute to the blog** on the trip computer maintained by the school chaperones.
- In addition to actively promoting spirit week fundraising upcoming in January, I am committed to individually raising a minimum of \$100 **outside of the school community** for the Peru collaborative partnership projects. Note: The importance of fundraising for the service projects and for personal travel expenses cannot be minimized. A personal investment of energy and effort to raise funds brings a sense of ownership and an appreciation of the value of the experience.
- STUDENT'S PASSPORT is valid for six months after return date.**

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

An Information Night takes place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24.

Important dates and estimated cost and timing of payments:

1. Application for Consideration to Travel due on or before **Friday, September 1**
2. Applicants notified of acceptance – **Friday, September 8**
3. Non-refundable down payment of \$300 applied to airfare and first half of the program fee due on **Friday, September 15**
4. WLS online form completed by end of the day on **Sunday, September 17**
5. Schedule an appointment with physician for travel consult as soon as possible. Download the physician's signature form to take with you to the appointment.
6. Second half of program fee and balance of airfare due on **Friday, October 13**
7. Completed risk and release form by **Friday, October 20**
8. Completed medical form and upload physician's signature form by **Friday, October 28**
9. Individual fundraising outside of SMA community (dedicated to WLS collaborative service projects and submitted to the World Leadership Foundation) of at least \$100 due **Friday, November 3.**

Travel dates – **Wednesday or Thursday, November 8 or 9 to Tuesday or Wednesday, November 21 or 22, 2017**