



HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP I SHOULD APPLY FOR?

Good question! There are two types of Global Navigator Scholarships – **Academic Merit + Financial Need** and **Academic Merit Only**.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Academic Merit + Financial Need awards are based on, you guessed it, both merit and need! These awards can cover between 20 and 100% of the program tuition. CIEE determines financial need based on your parent/guardians' most recent 1040 tax form. If you apply for an Academic Merit + Financial Need award, you will receive a notification about whether you received a scholarship and about your acceptance into the program on the [scholarship notification date](#).

As you may have guessed, **Academic Merit Only** scholarships don't look at the financial pieces and just award based on the merit of your achievements as represented in your application. These awards can cover up to 10% of the program tuition. If you are applying for an Academic Merit Only award, you do not need to provide financial information on your scholarship application. These awards are limited to the top tier of applicants and are in recognition of achievement. If you apply for an Academic Merit Only award, you will receive a notification about whether you received a scholarship and about your acceptance into the program on the scholarship notification date. However, if you have decided that you would like to participate on the program whether or not you receive a scholarship, you may [contact us](#) to have your acceptance be fast-tracked and reserve your spot on the program. Programs do fill as deadlines approach.

The Global Navigator Scholarship is a unique award and these limited scholarships are open to applicants from around the country. The awards are highly selective.

WHAT DOES ACADEMIC MERIT MEAN?

Merit (n): the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially so as to deserve praise or reward *According to the American Heritage Dictionary*

We're looking to award to students who demonstrate the skills and passion necessary to connect with people from a different culture, impact global issues, and navigate a new language. To review merit we look at a few pieces of your scholarship application including your short essay responses, your GPA, and a teacher evaluation.

WHICH ONE SHOULD I APPLY FOR?

If you will likely require financial assistance to be able to participate this summer, you should apply for the **Academic Merit + Financial Need** awards. But, if you don't have financial need or received a CIEE scholarship in 2015, 2016, or 2017 you should apply for an **Academic Merit Only** award.