



## "New Places, New Faces"

### Fall 2007 Essay Contest

**Enter and win a \$750 Scholarship!**



***What are you doing to expose yourself to new people and places and what does this teach you? How does this relate to educational travel?***

*Essays will be evaluated according to the applicant's academic level, originality, creativity, clarity, and overall quality of thought and composition demonstrated. The essay should be typed, no longer than 750 words in length. See below for details.*

The competition is open to students eligible for WorldStrides programs in your geographic region. There will be four winners, one in each of the following regions of the country: Western, Midwestern, South Central, and Eastern. The authors of the four grand prize winning essays will each be awarded a \$750 WorldStrides Travel Scholarship to be applied toward their program. Four second place winners will be selected as well, one from each of the above regions. These students will be awarded a \$100 Amazon gift card. All winners will be featured on the WorldStrides' website. **The deadline to enter is November 27, 2007.**

### **How to Enter:**

The typed essay must be attached to a fully-completed application form. These must be mailed to WorldStrides at:

WorldStrides Essay Scholarship, c/o Michelle Geis  
590 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300  
Charlottesville, VA 22911

If you have not received the application form from your teacher, [click here](#) to print the application form online. You may also mail a request for the form to [update@worldstrides.com](mailto:update@worldstrides.com) or to the above office address.

### **Essay Scholarship Guidelines:**

1. Only one essay submission is permitted per student. The essay should meet all of the following requirements:
  1. **No longer than 750 words in length. Additional text will be disregarded.**
  2. **Essays must be typed. Do not use a binder, folder, or plastic cover sheet to bind the essay.**
  3. **Each page of the essay should include your name, address, school, and Program Leader/teacher name.**
2. Student must be eligible to travel on a WorldStrides program, but is not required to register for the program.
3. An essay must be accompanied by a fully-completed application form with appropriate

signatures to be eligible for consideration. No entries submitted via email will be accepted; all must be mailed to the above address.

4. All entries submitted to WorldStrides must be postmarked by November 27, 2007.
5. WorldStrides' Director of Education will select the four best essays – one in each of region of the country: Western, Midwestern, South Central, and Eastern.\* Entrant's geographic status will be confirmed to ensure eligibility. One 2nd place winner will also be selected from each of the four regions. The winners will be notified by December 15, 2007. At that time, the names and essays of the four grand prize winners and four 2nd place winners will be published on this site.
6. The four \$750 WorldStrides travel scholarships may only be used by the winning students and can only be applied toward the trip for which they were initially eligible. The winners must notify WorldStrides by January 19, 2008 as to whether they'd like to receive the \$750 travel scholarship or the two domestic roundtrip airline tickets.\*\*

\* **Western:** California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, Alaska, and Hawaii.

**Midwestern:** North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan.

**South Central:** New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

**Eastern:** Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Maine.

\*\* Some restrictions apply to the airline tickets. Tickets are valid only for flights within the continental United States. You must provide WorldStrides with 80 days advance notice of ticketing requirements. Certain restrictions, including blackout dates around major holiday periods, may apply. All ticket requests are subject to availability at time of booking. Airline tickets have a combined value of \$500 and are not redeemable for cash.