



Dear Educator:

Travel is an integral component of education, and the members of the Student & Youth Travel Association (SYTA) and its philanthropic, sister organization the SYTA Youth Foundation (SYF) are dedicated to providing the best in youth travel around the world.

The belief that travel positively impacts the development of our youth is so strong that a scholarship opportunity was created for secondary school students (grades 9-12) who wish to share a special travel experience in the form of a written article or speech. The author of the winning entry will receive a \$750.00 US scholarship from the SYTA Youth Foundation, a plaque and an invitation to read his/her essay via phone link during the SYTA Youth Foundation Breakfast at the SYTA Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA on Sunday August 29, 2010.

Attached please find an entry form and additional information regarding the contest. The entry deadline is June 1, 2010. If you have any further questions, you can reach the SYF office at 703-610-1263, please ask for Ellen Magnarelli, or email info@sytayouthfoundation.org. For more information regarding SYF and SYTA please visit our websites at: www.SYTAYouthFoundation.org and www.syta.org.

Thank you in advance for your help in this endeavor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kasie Smith".

Kasie Smith
Chair, SYTA Youth Foundation



The Ripley Hunter "World is a Classroom" Travel Scholarship

Do you have a story to tell about your favorite trip, and what you learned from it? Maybe you learned about how fish can breathe underwater while visiting an aquarium? Perhaps you experienced how different it is to live in France while visiting Paris with your high school French class? How about sharing your story about what you learned while traveling to a national monument to learn about Canadian history? If you can tell us about what you learned and how you were impacted from one of your travels, your story could be worth a \$750 scholarship! This is an opportunity for you to use your creativity to compose an article or speech pertaining to your student travel experience.

How to Enter

Any student who is currently enrolled in a secondary public or private academic institution (grades 9-12) may submit an entry. Article length should not exceed 525 words. A contest entry form must be attached to your article.

Judging

A panel will judge the entries based on the criteria of legibility, sincerity, creativity and content.

Prizes

A \$750.00 US scholarship and a commemorative plaque will be awarded to the author of the winning article. The winner will be invited to read the article via phone link during the SYTA Youth Foundation Breakfast at the SYTA Annual Conference in Sacramento, CA on Sunday August 29, 2010.

Mail, Fax or Email Entries

SYTA Youth Foundation, The Ripley Hunter "World is a Classroom" Travel Scholarship, 8400 Westpark Dr., 2nd Floor, McLean, VA 22102, phone: 703-610-1264, fax: 703-610-0270 or email: info@SYTAYouthFoundation.org.

Deadline

All entries must be received by June 1, 2010.



The Ripley Hunter "World is a Classroom" Travel Scholarship Form

Nominee Name	Age/Grade
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians	Phone/Email
Teacher Name	Email
School Name	Phone/Fax
Address (Street, City, State/Province Postal Code)	

Official Rules

No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or win this contest. Only one entry is allowed per person – multiple entries will not be accepted, and could result in disqualification. Employees of SYTA, AMG, Inc., SYTA member companies, immediate family members, business partners, contest sponsors and contest judges are not eligible and may not participate in this contest as an entrant. Entries must be received by June 1, 2010. SYF is not responsible for any lost, late, damaged, postage-due or misdirected mail. Income and other taxes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the contest winners. This contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws. Void where restricted or prohibited. All entries become the property of SYF and will not be acknowledged or returned. SYF reserves all publication rights thereof. Acceptance of prize constitutes consent to use winners' names for editorial or publicity purposes without further compensation, except where restricted or prohibited. The winner may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and liability release, which must be returned within 21 days or an alternate winner, may be chosen.

Teacher Signature (for verification)	Date
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Formed in the year 2000, the **SYTA Youth Foundation** (SYF) is the 501(c) (3) philanthropic, sister organization of the Student & Youth Travel Association of North America (SYTA). The Purpose of our Foundation is to design and implement assistance programs that "Give Something Back" to the community of youth that makes up the vast population of potential student & youth travelers