

# STUDENT APPLICATION

## NEW PERSPECTIVES: CHINA (NP:C)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications must be postmarked by **Friday, December 12, 2008.**

**Photocopy this application as needed or download and print the pdf version from [www.newperspectivesprogram.org](http://www.newperspectivesprogram.org)**

**Note: Due to U.S. Department of Homeland Security and China government requirements, our travel agent must submit all NP:C participants' passports to a Chinese embassy 60 days prior to departure. Please be sure to give your passport to your teacher by March 2, 2009 so that NP:C will receive your group's passports in a timely manner. Any copies received late will require special administrative attention thereby incurring a \$50 late fee (please refer to the *Important Details* document).**

If you are applying for a new or renewed passport, submit your passport application **IMMEDIATELY** upon acceptance to NP:C. It may take 3 months to get a passport. Students who are not U.S. or Canadian citizens need to contact the nearest Chinese Consulate to find out if a tourist visa is required.

Your Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your School's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL DATA:** (Please print clearly.)

**FULL LEGAL NAME AS IT WILL APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  M  F Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: (Please provide specific street address and any P.O. box numbers.)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** (Please check the appropriate boxes.)

**The NP:C fee is US\$3,550 plus an airline surcharge of US\$245 (fees will vary based on departure airport and airline policy). A down payment of US\$250 per student participant is required with this application.** For refund/cancellation policies, please refer to the *Important Details* document.

After submitting the down payment, the balance of the program fee is payable in four equal installments. If the balance is paid in full on the first installment date (January 15, 2009), you may deduct US\$50 from the total NP:C program fee. Please write student's full name on every check, made **payable to The Laurasian Institution.**

I have enclosed my US\$250 down payment (*required*).

Select one of the following:

I will pay my remaining balance of the fee in four installments (the 15th of January, February, March, and April).

I will pay my remaining balance in full (minus US\$50) with the first installment.

### SCHOLARSHIP

The NP:C Student Scholarship is a one-time award to qualified students, based upon a combination of merit and need. Students who apply to NP:C and meet the program and scholarship criteria as outlined in the NP:C program brochure are eligible to apply. All scholarship recipients will be required to submit to NP:C a post-study tour project of his or her choosing.

Are you applying for a **NP:C Student Scholarship**?  Yes  No

*If yes, carefully read the next section and submit the necessary supporting materials.*

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA:

#### 1. NECESSARY ATTACHMENTS

*In order to be considered for an NP:C Student Scholarship, please attach the following documents to this application:*

- A written recommendation from someone other than a family member who has acted in a supervisory role.
- A photocopy of the first page of the most recent 1040 tax form (or equivalent) filed by each parent in the household, which shows both TOTAL INCOME and NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS claimed for tax purposes.
- An official copy of your school transcript.
- Essays described on the back of this application.

**SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MANDATORY SIGNATURES**

## 2. ESSAYS

*Please write and attach to this application your short-answer essays which describe:*

- Why should a scholarship be awarded to you? (In other words, why are you a worthy and unique scholarship recipient?)
- What are your plans for earning and saving money for this experience?
- If selected for a scholarship, when you return from your NP:C trip, what type of project or report do you plan to submit about your NP:C experience? (You may do a group project with other classmates if you prefer. **Scholarship recipients must submit this report or project to TLI by November 30, 2009.**)

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

In consideration of acceptance and participation in the NP:C program, I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree and consent that:

- **I have read and fully understand the document entitled *Important Details with special attention to the sections on Additional Fees and Cancellation Refund Policies and NP:C Rules for Participant Behavior*.**
- The Laurasian Institution will not be held liable for any of the actions or negligence of any third parties including, but not limited to, commercial airlines, hotels, and restaurants.
- The Laurasian Institution, the host school, and host family are not and will not be held liable for any injuries to me or my possessions.
- The Laurasian Institution is not responsible for providing insurance coverage of any kind during the NP:C program. I understand and agree that I am responsible for my own insurance including, but not limited to, health, travel, and life insurance. Furthermore, I understand that I am required to have and show proof of health insurance coverage abroad for the duration of my NP:C tour.
- Any and all debts incurred by me during this program including, but not limited to, medical, dental, hospital bills, and personal expenses (e.g. long distance calls) incurred during the homestay are my own responsibility and will not be paid by The Laurasian Institution.
- The Laurasian Institution reserves the right to change or alter travel, lodging, or other arrangements without notice or reason.
- The Laurasian Institution may remove me from the program at any time for reasons TLI staff deems sufficient including, but not limited to, my health, attitude, or behavior. Expenses incurred for such removal are my responsibility and must be paid by me immediately upon demand.
- I am of sound physical and mental condition and have no medical problems or disabilities that have not been set forth in writing attached hereto or which would make participation in this program inadvisable. Furthermore, I understand that extensive walking and stair climbing are part of everyday Chinese life and culture, and **I will be physically and mentally prepared for EXTENSIVE WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING during the NP:C tour.**
- All costs that are not explicitly included in the program are my own responsibility.
- Photos taken of me during the course of the tour may be uploaded to the NP:C website and used in promotional materials.
- Due to scheduling difficulties beyond NP:C's control, homestay families may not be confirmed until days prior to your departure for China. NP:C will, of course, make every effort to encourage host families to submit their information in a timely manner.
- I understand that family members who are not participants in the NP:C program are not allowed to shadow me or my group.
- **My valid passport will be provided to the organizing teacher by March 2, 2009 and postmarked to NP:C by March 16, 2009. I understand that if my passport fails to meet this deadline, a US\$50 late fee will be incurred.**
- If I have applied for a scholarship and am awarded one, I will submit the required project or report by November 30, 2009.

**I, the participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Participants under 21 years of age must have the following statement signed in addition to the above.*

**I, the parent or legal guardian of the above named participant, have read the foregoing and consent and agree to its contents.** I certify that by signing this agreement I have granted permission to the above named individual to participate in this program. I understand and agree to pay immediately on demand any and all debts incurred by the above named individual while participating in this program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Only applications which bear original signatures on this application are accepted by The Laurasian Institution. **Give this application, supporting materials, and down payment to the organizing teacher.** (Photocopy for your records.)