

how to apply

Congratulations on deciding to study abroad! LPI has made it easy for you to apply. Please read through the following four steps thoroughly with your parent(s) and you'll be on your way toward an exciting opportunity to study abroad. To apply online, visit the LPI website at www.lpiabroad.com. If you have any questions, please call LPI at (800) 259-4439 or email us at lpi@lpiabroad.com.

1. Meet the minimum requirements

- **AGE REQUIREMENTS.** Students must be at least **16 years of age by the program departure date for all programs in Spain, France and Italy.** Students must be **15 years of age by the program departure date for all programs in Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru.**
- **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS.** Students interested in all programs in Spain and France must have completed at least two years of Spanish/French or the equivalent by the program departure date. Students interested in Mexico or Peru must have at least one year of Spanish or the equivalent, unless applying for LPI Global Impact month-long summer programs, which require two years. In Costa Rica students must have completed at least two years of Spanish or the equivalent, except for the LPI Global Impact programs during Spring Break, which require one year. Italy has no language requirement.
- **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS.** Students must submit a copy of their high school academic transcript demonstrating an acceptable level of academic performance, especially in the classes relevant to the LPI program. LPI prefers that students interested in LPI Global Impact have at least a 3.0 GPA.

If you do not meet the minimum requirements but are still interested in applying, please contact LPI for more information at (800) 259-4439 or email us at lpi@lpiabroad.com.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL PARENTS:

The purpose of the LPI program is foreign language acquisition and cultural learning within a safe environment. **Students are not supervised 24 hours a day.** Although alcohol and tobacco consumption is prohibited on any LPI program, students may be offered alcoholic beverages or tobacco and they may be asked to stay out past curfew by other students or locals. LPI students must be able to say "no" to these persuasions. **It is the parents' responsibility to determine if their child has the maturity level and independence required for this program.** Students in violation of the LPI Code of Conduct including the Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug and Curfew Policies will be subject to disciplinary sanctions, up to and including dismissal from the program. Parents of dismissed students will be responsible for purchasing a one-way airline ticket home on the next available flight and the cost of ground transportation to the airport for the student and accompanying LPI staff. **PLEASE READ THE LPI CODE OF CONDUCT LOCATED ON PAGE 56 BEFORE APPLYING.**

2. Complete the application and submit materials

IN ORDER TO BE ADMITTED TO AN LPI PROGRAM, ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- **LPI PROGRAM APPLICATION.** Read both sides of the application carefully and the Refund Policy, and fill it out. The application form is on the following page of this catalog or can be downloaded from the LPI website. Students may choose to complete the application online at www.lpiabroad.com.
- **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS.** One copy of an official or unofficial transcript is acceptable. Transcripts must include student's name, high school address and contact information. Internet transcripts are not acceptable.
- **\$350 PROGRAM DEPOSIT.** Please make checks payable to Learning Programs International or complete the Credit Card Authorization section of the application. Payment in full is also accepted during the application process and is required if the application packet is submitted after the application deadline.
NOTE: The program deposit will be subtracted from the program price and is not an additional fee.
- **TWO 1.5" X 1.5" PASSPORT-SIZED COLOR PHOTOS.** Please write the student's last name on the back of each photo.
- **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION.** The teacher recommendation form is located after the general application in this catalog. LPI prefers all recommendations to be completed by a foreign language teacher. The recommendation may be submitted by mail or completed online at www.lpiabroad.com. Be sure to notify your teacher of the program city and session you are applying for.

FOR STUDENTS APPLYING TO THE LPI GLOBAL IMPACT PROGRAM, THE FOLLOWING FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE APPLICATION MATERIALS LISTED ABOVE:

- **LPI GLOBAL IMPACT SKILLS ASSESSMENT.** The skills assessment form is located after the general application and teacher recommendation in this catalog. The skills assessment may be submitted by mail or completed online at www.lpiabroad.com.

3. Review

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. LPI accepts applications on a rolling basis. All applications are considered incomplete until LPI has received the required application materials. The LPI staff will determine acceptance upon review of all application materials. All students and parents will be notified of the student's status via email. **All application packets submitted after the application deadline must include payment for the full program price plus a \$150 late fee. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this late fee.**

4. Mail your application

Please review your application materials to make sure everything is complete before submitting them to LPI. If applying online please note that all application materials must be received via mail or through the corresponding online formats before you can be considered for admission. If mailed, all materials should be addressed to:

LEARNING PROGRAMS INTERNATIONAL
1112 W. Ben White Boulevard
Austin, TX 78704

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT (READ CAREFULLY)

I have read and agree to the information presented on this application, and in signing my name hereby agree to abide to the LPI release, Refund Policy, payment due dates, and the LPI Code of Conduct. I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. LPI may rely on this application in deciding whether to grant admission to any program. I understand that LPI reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to accept or deny admission to any applicant for any or no reason. If LPI has accepted any applicant for admission, LPI may revoke such acceptance prior to the commencement of such program upon reasonable notice and return of any fees paid to LPI. I release all photos from my experience abroad to be used by LPI and its study abroad affiliates exclusively for promotional study abroad materials.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

X

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE (READ CAREFULLY)

I, (FULL NAME)

OF (STUDENT'S PERMANENT ADDRESS)

in consideration of the benefits accruing to me from the Learning Programs International (LPI Program), do hereby release and discharge Learning Programs International and its agents, employees and representatives from all suits, claims or liability of any nature arising out of or related to my participation in the LPI Program including, without limitation, claims for personal injury or property damage. I have read and agree to the information presented on this application and hereby agree to abide to the LPI Refund Policy, payment due dates and the LPI Code of Conduct. I understand that LPI reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to accept or deny admission to any applicant for any or no reason. If LPI has accepted any applicant for admission, LPI may revoke such acceptance prior to the commencement of such program upon reasonable notice and return of any fees paid to LPI.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

X

DATE

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION (VISA, MASTERCARD, AND DISCOVER CARDS ACCEPTED)

Note: All application packets submitted after the application deadline must include payment for the full program price plus any applicable late fees, unless special permission is granted by LPI. Only parents may submit payment by credit card. A **3% convenience fee** will be charged for all credit card payments but will not be applied to the program deposit portion of the program price.

I, _____ (PLEASE PRINT NAME), authorize LPI to charge the following credit card in the amount of \$_____ for the following item(s):

PROGRAM DEPOSIT (\$350) FULL PROGRAM PRICE LATE FEES

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

CREDIT CARD TYPE (AMERICAN EXPRESS NOT ACCEPTED)

EXPIRATION DATE

BILLING ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE

X

DATE

IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED, YOU MUST SEND THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) This application
- 2) High school transcript
- 3) \$350 deposit (full program price if submitted after application deadline)
NOTE: The program deposit will be subtracted from the program price and is not an additional fee.
- 4) Two 1.5" x 1.5" passport-sized color photos
- 5) Teacher recommendation (preferably completed by a foreign language teacher)
- 6) Skills assessment (LPI Global Impact applicants ONLY)

SEND ALL OF THE MATERIALS LISTED TO:
LEARNING PROGRAMS INTERNATIONAL
1112 W. Ben White Boulevard
Austin, TX 78704

teacher recommendation

Attention Student!

Please fill out your personal information below before asking a teacher or advisor to complete the recommendation form. Note: LPI prefers that this recommendation form be completed by a foreign language teacher. Be sure to provide them with a stamped envelope addressed to Learning Programs International (LPI): 1112 W. Ben White Boulevard Austin, TX 78704.

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
YOUR NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
HIGH SCHOOL		
PROGRAM TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: CITY AND COUNTRY	PROGRAM TERM (SUMMER 1 OR SUMMER 2)	PROGRAM DATE (FOR EXAMPLE: JUNE 26 - JULY 30)
APPLICANT RELEASE		
By signing this, I hereby forgo my claim of access to the teacher recommendation form completed on behalf of my application to the LPI program indicated above.	APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE X	DATE

Online Teacher Recommendation

If your teacher prefers, the recommendation form may be completed online at www.lpiabroad.com. You MUST provide the recommending teacher with the program information to which you are applying for in order for them to complete the online form.

High school faculty or staff only

In an effort to screen potential students, please take a few minutes to read about the LPI program and respond to the following questions.

Learning Programs International (LPI) is a study abroad program for high school students. Generally, students study and live abroad during the summer months for two to five weeks. The purpose of the LPI program is foreign language acquisition and cultural learning within a safe environment. Students live with a homestay (residence hall in Italy), take college-level language courses (often with university students), and participate in cultural excursions. LPI also offers volunteer opportunities through the LPI Global Impact programs.

Students who participate in LPI programs are required to have achieved a certain level of academic success. **Students are also expected to be emotionally mature enough to deal with the daily pressures of a foreign environment, and as such they must abide by the LPI Code of Conduct without constant supervision. Before completing the recommendation form, please review the LPI Code of Conduct on the LPI website (www.lpiabroad.com).**

Regarding LPI Global Impact Applicants: Students accepted to one of the **LPI Global Impact** programs in Guanajuato, Mexico; Heredia, Costa Rica or Cusco, Peru will face situations that will be **challenging, both physically and emotionally**. These programs will put students face to face with the realities of their host city while helping them grow personally through volunteer service projects. It is vital that participants recognize that the service projects are designed to serve the interests of others, not the interests of the students. Please review the information regarding **LPI Global Impact** on the LPI website (www.lpiabroad.com) before recommending an applicant.

If you have any further questions regarding what is required of LPI students, please contact LPI directly via email at lpi@lpiabroad.com or at 800.259.4439.

- 1. How long have you known this applicant?** Since _____
In what capacity?
 Student in large class Student in medium class Student in small class Advisee Other
- 2. Please describe the applicant as a student.**
 Excellent student Above Average student Average student Below Average student Insufficient record to judge
- 3. How motivated (in your opinion) will the student be in his/her studies and work at the program site?**
 Highly motivated Adequately motivated Unmotivated No basis for judgement
- 4. What level of self-reliance and maturity do you feel the student possesses in conducting himself / herself in a responsible manner while abroad?**
SELF-RELIANCE: Very self-reliant Self-reliant Generally self-reliant Will require help
MATURITY: Very mature Mature Fairly mature Not mature enough for program
- 5. Are you aware of any previous disciplinary problems involving this applicant that would cause concern when considering this type of program?**
 Yes No *If yes, please elaborate on the following page.*

