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Green City is a great place to grow up. That's why we'll give every applicant a copy of *Our Town*, which you may have read already in school and which may make you feel extra lucky to call this small town your home.

But there's a big world out there, as men and women from Green City already know (Hollywood producer, D.C. patent attorney, international event planner, computer vice-president, world-renowned artist, Manhattan financial executive, and many more).

Maybe you want to see some of it yourself while you're young and curious about all sorts of things.

This stipend, open to every Green City High School senior, is intended for someone who wants to sample new places, big cities that offer what Green City and its environs just can't.

The stipend may not be enough to fund the entire adventure. But it should provide enough so you can experience life in your Big City destination beyond just skimming the surface on a tour or having just one nice meal or making only a quick visit for one special event.

The questions on the application will help us pick a winner who

- is eager to see new things

or

- has a special interest that Big City X can offer

or

- hasn't been very far from home yet and wants to look about him/her

or

- isn't sure of a career path and hopes "foreign sights" will broaden the search

or

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- wants to explore colleges in Big City X
- or
- has always wanted to see what Big City X is like.

You get the picture.

This travel opportunity isn't for everybody, but it will appeal to those of you out there who want a new adventure. Apply and see what happens. The deadline is April 16, 2018.

Good luck!

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APPLICANT: _____

DESTINATION CITY: _____

I WILL TRAVEL THERE NO LATER THAN _____ [month/year]

SIGNATURE: _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What Big City have you always wanted to visit and why? (If you're not specific -- "I have always wanted to see the wonderful sights of City Z. It would be so fabulous to visit 1, 2, 3 and 4. The End." -- you haven't told us anything about YOUR particular interests and curiosity. We might as well draw a name from a hat if everybody sounds like everybody else and/or sounds like rote recommendations in a travel guide.)
2. When was the first time Your Big City caught your fancy? How did you hear about it?
3. Why haven't you gone there already? Or why do you want to return now?
4. What is an absolute must-see for you in Your Big City? Why?
5. What would you have to be dragged kicking and screaming to visit in Your Big City? Why? What's the worst that could happen if you did go?
6. What would Your Big City let you see for the first time or let you revisit?
7. Do your current school/career plans have anything to do with wanting to visit Your Big City? (Long-term plans do change, of course.)
8. Anything make you uneasy about traveling to or around Your Big City? What would make it easier to go in spite of this?
9. What two other big cities are interesting to you? How come? Why does Your Big City beat out these two? (The selection panel wants to offer a really urban experience for a Green City native, so your interest in other big cities will help us see how committed you are to expanding your horizons.)
10. Tell us anything else about yourself you want us to know.