



## The Kemper Scholars Program at Phillips Academy Andover

ASSIST is proud to partner with The Kemper Scholar Program at Phillips Academy Andover. Applicants can apply through ASSIST and be considered for both the ASSIST and Kemper scholarships - all through one application.

Students who are awarded the Kemper Scholarship earn the opportunity to study for one year at Phillips Academy Andover, a boarding school in Andover, Massachusetts, as a 12th grade or post-graduate student. Students typically attend Phillips Academy the year after completing high school in their home country. Students are awarded financial assistance sufficient to meet 100% of a family's full financial need to study for one year at Phillips Academy Andover. Applicants must complete the financial aid application by the deadline, which is February 1.

### Historical Background of the Kemper Scholarship

Beginning in the 1970s the number of international students increased at Andover. From 1972 on, Head of School Ted Sizer sought qualified European students who became known as "Kemper Scholars." They were supported by a special fund named after former headmaster John Mason Kemper, who had been instrumental in the founding of School Year Abroad and diversifying Phillips Academy, among many other pioneering acts.

### Candidate eligibility requirements include:

- Must be a European citizen
- Not typically older than 18, though a student can start the school year at age 19 or less and can turn no more than 20 years old during their year at Andover.
- Must be eligible to participate as a 12th grade or Post-graduate student of Phillips Academy
- Must be qualified to obtain a Phillips Academy diploma after successful completion of the academic year
- Must NOT have previously studied in an English-speaking country for a semester or more
- It is most advantageous for the student to attend Phillips Academy in the year after high school in their home country.
- Upon completion of their year at Phillips Academy Andover, students must return to their home country for at least one year. For this reason, Kemper Scholars are not able to work with Phillips Academy Andover's college counselors.

### Qualifications/Qualities We Seek

Andover uses a holistic application review process when making admission decisions. A successful Kemper Scholar candidate will have demonstrated they are of strong character. Successful Kemper candidates also often demonstrate that they are:

- a capable student willing to put in the work effort to obtain good results,
- capable and comfortable communicating with a reasonable degree of fluency in both oral and written English,

- independent, self-disciplined and self-directed; capable of managing their time/workload (though support structures are in place),
- resilient and capable of adapting to new and various situations.
- eager to facilitate friendships and otherwise engage in the classrooms/residence halls within an intentionally diverse community.

Furthermore,

- Candidates should have extracurricular interests and skills (e.g. community service, music, athletics, drama, visual art, dance, leadership, etc.).
- Andover prefers to provide this opportunity to qualified candidates that have not previously studied in an English-speaking country and who would have no other means to study for a year in the US.

We also seek international students who are capable of making an impact on their peers. Though they may excel academically, students who do little more than study will rarely accomplish that goal at Andover. An ability to laugh at oneself is always a plus, too, though not an official qualification.

### **Financial Assistance**

In addition to the application for admission, candidates for the Kemper Scholars Program are required to complete a [financial aid application](#) by February 1.

Based on the family's level of financial need, and as determined by their application, financial aid grant support may include:

- Boarding tuition
- Textbooks/Course Materials Fee
- Round-trip travel home for any two of the school's three holiday breaks (Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring)
- A Weekly stipend of \$25/week when school is in session
- Increased stipend for school supplies at the start of each academic term
- Increased stipend for a warm clothing allowance in the fall
- Increased stipend for travel spending money at the start of holiday breaks
- Support for student social events, when a cost is involved
- Private Music Lessons for one instrument (these could be fully supported, or discounted, depending upon their financial aid grant)

### **Application process:**

Candidates interested in applying for the Kemper Scholars program should complete an [ASSIST application](#) through the online system via the link below. Application deadlines by country are also available through [this link](#) on the ASSIST website. ASSIST will invite qualified candidates to interview and will refer finalist candidates to the Phillips Academy Andover admissions office. In addition to the application for admission, candidates for the Kemper Scholars Program are required to complete a [financial aid application](#) by February 1. Phillips Academy will communicate decisions to candidates in early March.

ASSIST application link: [https://assistscholars.fsenrollment.com/users/sign\\_in](https://assistscholars.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in)

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