



## Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Volunteer Trip Scholarship Application Requirements

We invite you to apply for one of 30 scholarships to go on a volunteer trip to Rajasthan, India, between **29 July – 16 August 2019** all expenses paid.\* The deadline to receive completed student applications and references is **Sunday 31 March 2019 at 23:59**.

Apply now at [WE.org/tripscholarship](http://WE.org/tripscholarship).

Since you must complete the application form in one go, we recommend preparing your answers in a Word Document before you hit apply. Each application must include all **six** of the components below including completed references to be considered.

### Part 1: Contact Information

As well as providing your own contact details, if you are under 18 years of age, you must include contact information for one of your parents or guardians.

### Part 2: Personal Statement and International Development

Every candidate must submit a personal statement. It can either be a video (max. 1 minute long, submitted as a private YouTube link) or a written statement (max. 500 words) and must answer the following questions:

- What kind of person are you?
- What distinguishes you from others?
- How you have contributed to your own community?
- What do you think you can contribute to the Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Volunteer Trip?
- What do you believe you will gain from a trip of this nature?
- How will you continue to make a difference and share what you have learnt with others when you return from the trip?
- Is this an opportunity you would otherwise be unable to undertake for financial reasons?

### International Development

When you embark on the Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Volunteer Trip Scholarship, you have the opportunity to support families in our WE Villages partner communities to build a brighter future. This is an incredible opportunity, as well as a big responsibility. We want to know what international development and WE Villages means to you.

What does international development mean to you? Why do you want to give back to your global community? (max. 200 words)

### Part 3: Creative Piece

This is your chance to express yourself in your own unique way, whether through music, art, writing, drama, multimedia or any other creative outlet. Your piece should address an issue in your local or global community that you feel passionately about changing, and how you plan to make a positive difference.

Please note that each creative entry must be accompanied by a written description to explain why you chose this format to address your chosen issue (max. 250 words). Any video or audio pieces should be under 4 minutes in length.



#### **Part 4: Reference Form**

In this section, you will be asked for the contact details of your referee. Your referee should be someone who knows you and your strengths well, such as a teacher, mentor, community/group leader, coach, employer, etc. This person cannot be a parent or relative. In the event that two applications are ranked the same, the quality of your reference could determine if you are successful.

#### **Part 5: Requirements and Information**

Please review and share this important information relating to your trip with a parent/guardian. You must check off the “I understand” box under each section for your application to be valid.

- Due to the rural nature of the trip, accommodations for the trip are located about 2 hours away from a major hospital.
- All trip participants must have a passport issued by their country of citizenship which is valid for at least six months after the conclusion of the trip.
- All trip participants will require an Indian Tourist Visa to gain entry to India.
- All trip participants will have limited communication with those back home.
- The trip scholarship is not transferrable or redeemable for cash value and is only valid for the 2019 Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Volunteer Trip Scholarship: 29 July to 16 August 2019.

#### **Part 6: Follow-Up Process**

In this section, we ask that you commit to volunteer or fundraise and share your experiences with others after returning from India.

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**Once you have submitted all six sections of your application, you will receive an automated confirmation email. Emails will also be sent to:**

- Your nominated referee to complete the online reference form.
- If you are under the age of 18, your parent/ guardian to give their consent to your application.

Please note, without a reference and parental/guardian consent, your application is considered incomplete and will not be assessed.

If you have any questions, please visit [WE.org/tripscholarship](https://www.wework.org/tripscholarship) or email [ukyouth@WE.org](mailto:ukyouth@we.org). We look forward to receiving your application!

\* Please note that each student who receives a scholarship is responsible for covering his/her own costs for certain incidentals including passport, visa, vaccinations, insurance, travelling costs to a London Airport and spending money.