

Scholarships 2022

Interviewee guide

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The purpose of a scholarship is to provide you with opportunities to gain experience within different countries and of different cultures. In addition to this, a Scholarship is a reward and is given in recognition of what you have already achieved and will go on to achieve during your time within DFYFC.

Preparation

Interviews are not interrogations; their purpose is simply to select the right members for the right Scholarships. The questions will vary but you should be prepared to answer questions on;

- Your involvement in DFYFC
- Your knowledge of DFYFC
- Your interests and hobbies
- Why you would like to go on the Scholarship
- Why you think you should be rewarded a Scholarship place

If the Scholarship Country has been decided upon prior to the interview, you should research the country, as you may be asked question such as;

- What the country's capital city is called
- What the country's population is
- The country's industry and agriculture
- The country's currency
- The country's equivalent to the YFC
- Any well-known features of the country

Why do we need to ask questions?

- Your host family and the people who you will meet on your Scholarship will ask you lots of questions about yourself and DFYFC. This is good practice for what may be to come!
- During the interview, the panel will be able to assess your knowledge and understanding as well as your ability to express yourself. - A sense of humour is also important.
- When applying for a DFYFC Scholarship, we need to ensure that you are aware of the expectations that we have of you. If you are successful and if a Scholarship exchange is arranged, you will be expected to support and (possibly) host a returning visitor.
- You will be required to contribute towards the cost of your Scholarship by fundraising. The personal fundraising goal has been set at £250 per member.

The Interview

The interview will normally last between 10 and 20 minutes and the interview panel will normally be made up of two or three people.

You should ensure that you are dressed smartly and comfortably for the interview.

The interviewers will want to get the best out of you and they will try to make you feel as comfortable as possible.

- Listen carefully to the question that you are being asked
- Give yourself time to think of the answer before you begin to speak
- Always try to answer the questions that you are asked, - if only to say that you need a moment to think about the answer/would like to come back to the question at the end.

Afterwards

After the interviews have been completed, a selection will be made by the judges and you will be notified via letter whether you have been awarded a Scholarship

If you are not successful this time you can apply again the following year and you can also ask for feedback from the judges so you can improve your chances of success next time.

Good Luck!