Dear Prospective Applicants:

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in our candidate search for EARJ’s Brazilian Scholars.

EARJ’s Brazilian Scholars come from public and private schools throughout Rio de Janeiro. This program makes available scholarships for study through high school for Brazilian students who have completed the equivalent of EARJ’s fifth grade. The scholarship is a needs-based program offering deserving students financial assistance to study at EARJ.

Enclosed is a copy of the scholarship announcement and an application packet is available at www.earj.com.br. Completed forms must be submitted to EARJ Admission Office.

The Brazilian Scholar demonstrates outstanding achievement and personal leadership. We believe the experiences at EARJ will have a positive impact on their educational trajectory.

Thank you for your interest in the EARJ Community.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sherman
Head of School
ANNOUNCING A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY AT ESCOLA AMERICANA DO RIO DE JANEIRO

The school offers innovative programming and three diploma choices to support our students as they develop their full potential by mastering knowledge and skills and developing the character and self-confidence to be successful in our highly globalized competitive society. Our excellent academic, sports and extra-curricular activities offer every individual student the opportunity to find and further define areas of personal interest. At EARJ we value integrity and respect, optimism and compassion and commitment to learning. EARJ is dedicated to preparing students to be active and contributing members of a global community.

EARJ will make available scholarships to Brazilian students who have completed the equivalent of EARJ’s Grade 5. The awardees shall enroll in Grade 6 and continue until they finish Grade 12.

NATURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

1. The scholarships are available to students entering Grade 6 at EARJ.
2. The need-based scholarships will include subsidies to cover tuition and other fees. A participation fee is required from the parents to cover a portion of the school fees.
3. The scholarships may be enjoyed for seven years provided the awardees maintain an 80% overall academic level and abide by the school rules and regulations.

WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

1. The awards are open to Brazilian students who have completed their 5th grade.
2. The candidate must have demonstrated high academic achievement (no grade lower than 90% or its equivalent in any subject). Candidates must submit a copy of their report cards, school records/transcript from Grade 1 with completed application forms.
3. The candidate must demonstrate financial need.
4. The candidate must meet all regular EARJ entrance requirements.
5. The candidate must have an excellent command of oral and written English.
6. The candidate must possess high personal standards and be in good health.

SELECTION OF AWARDEE

After reviewing applications, successful candidates will be administered an evaluation to define academic preparedness in reading, writing and mathematics. Based on the overall application and the results of the assessments, students will be selected for an interview.

Based on information submitted, testing scores and the interview, a decision will be made on which students will be awarded an EARJ Brazilian Scholars scholarship.
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AWARDEE AND HIS/HER PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN

1. The awardees must indicate acceptance within one week after notification of the scholarship.
2. The parents or guardian of the awardees shall provide for all other needs of the student outside of those stipulated in the scholarship including lunches, PE uniforms, and other related school activities and trips.
3. The awardees shall observe all EARJ rules and regulations.
4. To maintain their awards, the awardees shall remain in good academic standing.
5. A yearly evaluation will be made to determine if the scholar is still qualified to continue in the scholarship program for the following year.

THE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION SHALL INCLUDE:

1. English Assessment
2. Math Assessment
3. Portuguese Composition

FOR THOSE SELECTED TO BE INTERVIEWED, THE CANDIDATES SHALL BE APPRAISED IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. Spoken English
2. Interests
3. Attitude
4. Financial Need

FORMS

1. Application Form available on-line at www.earj.com.br
2. Financial Requirement (Father and Mother’s Yearly Income Tax form, Father and Mother’s paycheck, proof of residence, passport of all family members, if available*)
3. Student Health and Physical Examination Record