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**High School Student Jennifer Myers Named EF Global Citizen Scholarship Recipient**  
***Student wins a 10-day, expenses paid educational tour to China with 19 other winners***

Concord High School student, Jennifer Myers, has been named Global Citizen Scholarship recipient by EF Educational Tours. Out of hundreds of applicants, Jennifer from Concord, North Carolina was one of 20 winners chosen from the U.S. and India who will travel on a 10-day, expenses paid EF Educational Tour to China. Jennifer will be an ambassador for students from schools with Visiting International Faculty. Her VIF International Education teacher encouraged her to apply. The trip departs on June 18<sup>th</sup> from Los Angeles, where Jennifer will meet her fellow scholarship winners before continuing on to Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Beijing.

EF's Global Citizen Scholarship encourages high school sophomores and juniors to think about their roles in local and global communities, and how their actions affect the people around them and around the world. The applicants submitted a 1500-word essay to be considered.

This year's EF Global Citizen Award applicants were asked to respond to the prompt, *"As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, cross-cultural exchange becomes more important than ever before. How could spending 14,000 minutes of your life on a tour to China equip you with superior communication, leadership and critical thinking skills? What future opportunities could become available to you as a result?"*

For Jennifer's winning essay, she wrote about how this trip would introduce her to international students, Chinese culture, and the historical landmarks of China, all of which will help her one day be the inspiring teacher that she hopes to be.

Jennifer writes; "Overall, this journey would open new doors to international friendships to last a lifetime, a newfound respect for different cultures, and a willingness to face change and embrace all that life has to offer. I feel as though this experience would stay with me forever and help me find a way to make a difference in the world."

When asked what she is looking forward to about this trip, Jennifer says she is really looking forward to the Hutong Tour in a rickshaw, the tour of the Dong Hua Men Night Market, and the excursion to the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu.

For more information on the EF Global Citizen Scholarship visit [www.eftours.com/globalcitizen](http://www.eftours.com/globalcitizen).



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EF Educational Tours is a pioneer in experiential learning, leading students abroad to encounter new cultures and languages first hand. Its goal is to make international travel accessible to as many students as possible. EF Educational Tours is the first and only international tour company, to be accredited by 5 noteworthy accrediting agencies. Their tours meet the same rigorous educational standards as the best schools across the country. EF is affiliated with key educational organizations such as The Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, PBS, the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board, United Nations Association-USA and the Disney Youth Education Series (Y.E.S.). EF Educational Tours is part of Education First (EF). EF is the world leader in International Education with a mission to break down barriers of language culture and geography. EF's North American headquarters is in Cambridge, MA, though the company spans the globe with hundreds of offices and schools in over 50 countries, a staff of over 3,000 employees and 23,000 full- or part-time teachers.

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