



Phillips Academy ANDOVER

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.

Eligibility:

The candidate must be a citizen of a European country. They also must be eligible to participate as a 12th grade or Post Graduate student of Phillips Academy and qualified to obtain a Phillips Academy diploma, after successful completion of the academic year. It is most advantageous for the student to attend Phillips Academy in the year after high school in their home country, though occasionally students are younger. Note that if the student is older than 18, they may not be eligible for this opportunity at Andover. Candidates who have previously studied in an English-speaking country for a semester or more are ineligible. Kemper Scholars are expected to return to their home country after their year at Andover and, therefore, are not eligible for a partnership with our College Counseling Office

Qualifications/Qualities We Seek:

Andover uses a holistic application review process when making admission decisions. A successful Kemper Scholar candidate will demonstrate that they are:

- a capable student willing to put in the work effort to obtain good results,
- of strong character,
- 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
- resilient and capable of adapting to new and various situations likely to be encountered in an American, boarding school setting,
- open-minded,
- caring and show concern for others, and are
- eager to facilitate friendships and otherwise engage in the classrooms/residence halls within an intentionally diverse community.
- active in extracurricular interests (e.g., community service, music, athletics, drama, visual art, dance, leadership, etc.)
- capable of making an impact on their peers

Financial Assistance:

Andover is one of the few independent schools in the US to admit students regardless of financial need; the official term for this is “need-blind admission.” We’re also one of the few independent schools to meet 100 percent of demonstrated financial need. We admit students because of their achievement, talent, character, and promise—then make sure they’re fully supported.

To determine need, Kemper Scholar applicants must [complete a financial aid application](#) in addition to their admission application. The aid application will be reviewed upon selection for admission and based upon that review, Andover will meet full financial need by offering scholarship grants (essentially, financial aid) at the same time a student is notified of their offer of admission. These grants are not loans and do not need to be paid back to Andover.