



# Parent Support Letter

*Due March 31, 2018*

CALE Now is a life-changing summer enrichment and international travel program for students ages 11 to 14. Each summer we challenge CALE Kids to become their best selves through experiential learning. They volunteer to feed the homeless and create their own community service projects, they learn how to manage money and calculate exchange rates, and they become more confident and responsible people as a result of our character development series. We transform the future of young people by also providing them with a unique opportunity to not only learn about a different culture and country, but to actually visit and immerse themselves in that environment. They are prepared for college and life beyond.

If selected, your child will earn a full or partial scholarship (valued up to \$5,000) to participate in our 8-week summer program held every Saturday in the U.S., and then spend approximately one week abroad. The program includes close contact with young people and adults in an environment that will require open-mindedness to cross-cultural experiences and active participation in volunteer and personal development activities. Visit [www.calenow.org](http://www.calenow.org) for more information.

To succeed, your child must have a high degree of motivation and the ability to adjust to people of different social and cultural backgrounds. *We are interested in students with potential, especially those who have opportunities for growth.* Please be very honest in your assessment of your child to help us to determine whether she or he is ready for, and will benefit from, this kind of program.

**ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN ORDER FOR THE STUDENT'S APPLICATION TO BE COMPLETE.**

Student Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caretaker Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Characteristics

Excellent Good Average Poor Unknown

|   | Excellent | Good | Average | Poor | Unknown |
|---|-----------|------|---------|------|---------|
| 1. Consideration for and interest in others and their views |           |      |         |      |         |
| 2. Shows respect to authority figures                       |           |      |         |      |         |
| 3. Leadership potential                                     |           |      |         |      |         |
| 4. Ability to take direction cheerfully                     |           |      |         |      |         |
| 5. Initiative   |           |      |         |      |         |
| 6. Sense of responsibility                                  |           |      |         |      |         |
| 7. Ability to adjust to and cope with new situations        |           |      |         |      |         |
| 8. Curiosity and imagination                                |           |      |         |      |         |
| 9. Ability to express himself or herself                    |           |      |         |      |         |
| 10. Sense of humor  |           |      |         |      |         |

*Our mission is to transform the lives of young people through personal development, cultural exploration, and global travel.*

Student Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Use as much space as you need to answer the following questions. You may use additional sheets.**

1. Why do you want your child to participate in the CALE Now program?
2. Describe how you will help to ensure that your child gets the most out of the Saturday workshops and the trip to Singapore?

The CALE Now experience happens because our donors, program leaders, community volunteers, businesses, student participants and their families, dedicate time and money to organize and carry out each of the amazing experiences your child will take part in. To that end, we all serve as the village that ensures that each child positively transforms during their time with us. As a parent/caretaker it is essential that you commit to help your child be his or her best and to have an outstanding experience in the program. As those who came before you have done for your child, help pay it forward by acknowledging that you will support the program through the following commitments (check each box to confirm your commitment):

I commit to:

- Drop off and pick up my child **on time for every Saturday session** (9am – 4pm unless otherwise specified).
- Invite my friends/families/coworkers to purchase tickets (or donate to raise the equivalent in cash) to celebrate my child at the end of program celebration in August.
- Talk to my child each week about what he or she learned in the program.
- Complete an evaluation of the program.
- Attend the program orientation on Saturday, May 19, 2018.
- Attend the parent meeting in July 2018.
- Attend the end of program celebration in August 2018.

**I confirm that all of the information provided is true and accurate, and I agree to answer any further questions the program leaders may have.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caretaker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Email this completed and signed support letter to [applications@calenow.org](mailto:applications@calenow.org).  
Type “Parent Letter for [insert child’s name]” on the email subject line.**