



## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!**

### **HAIR AID GUATEMALA October 12-19, 2024**

This unique learning experience (facilitated in collaboration with [Hair Aid](#)) will give up to six student participants the opportunity to explore and grow as global citizens in alignment with the [United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals](#).

Hair Aid works largely with communities in street and “slum” areas and with women in particular. Volunteers will be teaching 5 basic haircuts to interested residents with the goal of allowing them to have a skill that can be used to earn an income or trade for items they need. You will be training people who are living in critical poverty, those that may be in jail or people rescued from sex slavery, drug lords and other violent situations.

#### **Applicant Eligibility Requirements:**

- Have completed at least one semester in the Hairstyling program (full time, part time or apprenticeship)
- Are in good academic standing
- Will commit to bring 10 sets of either new or second hand: hair scissors/shears, capes, sectioning clips and spray water bottles as donations for the program participants.

#### **Important Deadlines:**

- **Wednesday May 22** (by 5 p.m.): [Submit application and references](#).
- **Monday May 27** (by 5 p.m.): Applicants who are moving to the interview phase 2 will be notified by email to their Georgian College student email account.
- **Monday June 3 (by 5 p.m.)**: Selected applicants will be notified by a message to their student email accounts.
- **Friday June 7 (by 5 p.m.)**: Students moving to phase 2 must submit copy of valid passport or other relevant travel documents.
- **Friday June 21** (by 9 a.m.): Those who identify as low income are asked to provide a brief explanation of their circumstances to the Office of Mobility and Global Experience, in the event our program is ever audited.
- **Friday June 21** (by 4 p.m.): Those who identify with a disability are asked to meet with their Accessibility Advisor and provide a Letter of Accommodation to the Office of Mobility and Global Experience, in order for us to facilitate supports.

**Applicants must complete and submit the following to be adjudicated by the Office of Mobility and Global Experience BY Wednesday May 22 AT 5PM:**

**Scan this QR code to access the Form (you need to be logged into Georgian College through**



**your student account:**

1. In the application you will need to be prepared to include the following:
  - A personal video OR audio recording 3-4 minutes in length (\*You may need to email us a link depending on the file size) that demonstrates your knowledge of the Hair Aid program and explains to us why you are the right student to be part of this specific initiative in Guatemala. \*You are expected to research this online.
  - Confirmation of a valid Canadian Passport or other travel documents such as Permanent Resident Card. Documents MUST be valid through to at least May 1, 2025.
2. Two completed references from Faculty at Georgian College who have had you for at least one full course. Email your Faculty this [REFERENCE](#) link so that they can complete it. \*References for selected applicants will be verified.
3. Some questions in the survey will help us to identify students who are eligible for funding support from the GSO grant to cover the costs of round-trip airfare, program, accommodations, travel insurance and in-country logistics.

**Estimated costs and grant subsidy information:**

For Domestic students who identify as either low income, having a disability or Indigenous the costs in green are covered by the Global Skills Opportunities (GSO) grant. Review the section further down in this document for more details. You will be able to indicate this in the application form:

- The HAIR Aid program has an estimated cost of \$2,200 per participant. This includes accommodations, most meals, all in-country transportation.
- Round trip flights are expected to cost \$1,500 per person.
- International travel insurance approximately \$65 per person.
- Any meals that are outside of the program and incidental costs (passport fees, souvenirs etc.). Approximately \$350.
- Transportation round trip to Pearson International Airport Toronto. Approximately \$100 each way at the most.

Estimated cost for GSO grant subsidy student is: \$450

Estimated cost for non-subsidy student is: \$4,315

### Accommodations:

- Hotel Real Plaza, Antigua
- Hotel has WiFi, room service, pool etc.

Please contact [GOABROAD@GEORGIANCOLLEGE.CA](mailto:GOABROAD@GEORGIANCOLLEGE.CA) for additional information after reviewing this Call for Applications carefully.

### **Funding Support**

Domestic Students in the following demographic groups are eligible for financial support (to cover the cost of flight, Global Learning program and travel insurance) available through CiCan GSO Fund that was awarded to Georgian College this academic year.

CiCan funds are available for students in target groups identified by the grant provider and include:

- **Low-income students:** Any student who feels they are in this demographic are encouraged to complete the application. Additional information may be requested from these applicants during another phase of the selection process.
- **Indigenous students:** students who report being an Indigenous person, that is, First Nations, Metis or Inuk (Inuit).
- **Students with disabilities:** students who report to have a difficulty or impairment due to a long-term condition or health problem and/or experience a limitation in their daily activities. This is inclusive of learning disabilities.

Domestic students who are not in one of the aforementioned target groups, are invited and encouraged to participate and would need to be prepared to self-fund 100% of the trip costs.

International students are invited and encouraged to participate and would need to be prepared to self-fund 100% of the trip.