16-17 Travel Subsidy FAQs and Answers

Am I eligible for a travel subsidy?
If you are eligible for a Travel Subsidy as determined by the Financial Aid Office, you would have received a letter from the CIP in your acceptance packet.

How much is the travel subsidy?
Depending on your need (as determined by the Financial aid office), and/or if you have the Heyl or Posse scholarship, it varies. The awarded dollar limit and percentage limit will be noted in your travel stipend letter. The stipend letter is part of your acceptance packet.

What travel costs does the subsidy cover?
The Travel Subsidy covers a percentage of the cost, up to a specified dollar amount, of your international roundtrip air travel for study abroad from a designated U.S. port of departure. If you are an International student, please contact the CIP regarding your departure and return.

Does the travel subsidy cover domestic transportation or airfare to the designated port of departure?
No. The Travel Subsidy does not cover any of the cost of your domestic travel or airfare to the designated port of departure.

Who reserves my international transportation?
If you choose to accept the Travel Subsidy, Kalamazoo College, via its travel agent Travel Leaders, will book your roundtrip international transportation for you. The exceptions are: Israel (both programs); CET Beijing, China programs; and the Waseda, Japan programs. For these programs, you will be contacted directly by the program provider.

How is my travel subsidy applied to the cost of my airfare?
The cost of the international air fare will be charged to your student account and then the Travel Subsidy will be credited to your student account immediately afterwards. Due to federal regulations and college policy, we are unable to issue any funds (such as a check or cash) directly to you to pay for your international air travel.

When will the travel subsidy be credited to my student account?
Sometime during the summer, immediately after the cost of the international air fare is charged to your student account.

What if my travel subsidy does not cover the total cost of my roundtrip international airfare?
The portion of the international air fare that is left over after the subsidy has been applied will be a charge on your student account.