



**CROSSOVER**  
Basketball & Scholars Academy

CROSSOVER BASKETBALL AND SCHOLARS ACADEMY

***“Hoops Creating Hope”***

Student Leader Application

SUMMER 2019

Chennai, India

We are once again opening opportunities for students and student-athletes to be a Crossover Coaches in leading drills, learning about the culture, and connecting with local students in Chennai, India. There are also other ways you will be expected to be involved - including assisting with logistics, documenting the program via photography and video, collecting data, or helping the program in other ways based on student interest and program needs. For all students, there will be a **writing and reflection program** to take advantage of this out-of-context experience. We will keep blogs, journals, and tweet before, during and after we are in Chennai. In no way is this a vacation or a “show-up” service-tourism trip.

Furthermore, we will discuss ways in which this experience can supplement the work you do at your school. Cost for American students to participate in the program is \$3500. That includes **roundtrip airfare** from Boston to Chennai and **all of the expenses** (food, lodging, transportation, government entrance fees) in India. There is financial aid available and will be awarded through the decision of our board. You will need to secure a passport and visa.

The cost for local Chennai students to attend the Hoops Creating Hope program is free. High school teachers as well as Crossover’s volunteers will serve as chaperones.

*“Basketball has opened doors to so many around the world and is a perfect sport for India; a dynamic, engaging sport that uses critical thinking, athleticism, creativity and teamwork. Being on the forefront of engaging younger students with long-term goals of high school and university completion regardless of current economic struggles means that they can not only expect, but will, be part of our program for years to come” - Shaun Jayachandran, founder.*

If you have questions about any aspect of the program or application, please Crossover Academy’s Founder, Shaun Jayachandran ([shaun@crossover-india.org](mailto:shaun@crossover-india.org)) who will lead the program.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_(Last/First/Middle)

Home Address (Street and number, City, State, Zip Code):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone Number:(        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ month-day-year

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities at School: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Accounts -     Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ (@CrossoverBBall)

Instagram \_\_\_\_\_ (@crossoverbasketball)

Please respond to the following questions and along with your application send to [shaun@crossover-india.org](mailto:shaun@crossover-india.org).

A. Why do you think Crossover intentionally use the the term **Creating Hope** as a gender equity and education program? How does hope play a role in your life, your education, and those that have impacted you?

B. Context is critical in understanding a community. The school children from Chennai attending the program live in a very different contextual environment from you. Give an instance where context was important to something you learned and experienced.

C. There are many parts of this trip that are uncomfortable (physically, emotionally, socially). We will examine the connections between our external views of the wider world and our internal reactions to new experiences. What has been stressful for you in your life? Generally, how do you respond to stress?

D. Imagine yourself in Chennai in front of a group of children looking to you for guidance on the basketball court or in a classroom and wanting to get to know you better off the court. What excites and worries you about this opportunity?



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**Family Information:**

Parent 1 (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different from applicant's) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) (work) (mobile)

Parent 2 (guardian): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different from applicant's) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (home) (work) (mobile)

E-mail and Cell Number for Parent 1

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E-mail and Cell Number for Parent 2

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**Please hand copy below and sign the following statement:**

I have spoken with my parents/guardian about this opportunity and have received their permission to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

**Recommendations:**

Please request a letter of recommendation to be emailed to **shaun@crossover-india.org**.

Additional references need only to be available to speak on your behalf if we contact them.

a) School Teacher Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Additional Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

c) Additional Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Support: Please indicate how much financial support (if any) you will require to participate in this program. **Program cost is \$3500.**

Support Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Circumstances to Consider:

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