

IFSA Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to non-traditional, full-time, degree seeking undergraduate students at Cleveland State for study abroad for a semester or academic year (a minimum of 8 consecutive weeks). Scholarships may be awarded up to \$10,000 per semester of study abroad.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for the IFSA Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students, students must meet the following criteria **at the time of application**:

1. Enrolled full-time (12 credits) in a degree granting program at the undergraduate level at Cleveland State University;
2. Aged 25 or older
3. Successful completion of at least 2 semesters at Cleveland State
4. Minimum overall GPA of 2.75 or higher
5. Demonstrated financial need with current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file in the Office of Financial Aid

APPLICATION

Complete applications must be turned into Center for International Services and Programs (KB1150). Students who do not meet all of the eligibility requirements will be disqualified. A complete application will include:

1. Application form
2. Statement of Purpose
3. 1 academic letter of reference.
4. If you have not filed a FAFSA, a completed FAFSA form should be turned in with this application

DEADLINES

Spring 2011	October 16, 2010
Summer 2011	March 15, 2011
Fall 2011, Academic Year 2011-2012	May 15, 2011

SELECTION PROCESS

The committee will base its decision and award amounts on the following criteria:

1. Statement of Purpose
2. Letter of Recommendation
3. CSU Campus and Greater Cleveland community involvement and volunteer work
4. Demonstrated financial need

SERVICE COMPONENT

Upon their return to the U.S., scholarship recipients are required to get involved in the promotion of study abroad programming at CSU. This could be fulfilled in numerous ways: donation of personal study abroad photos for use in publications (digital or paper), linking from the CISP website to a personal blog about the overseas experience, presentations to prospective study abroad students at meetings or events sponsored by the Center for International Services and Programs, or serving as a "student profile" student on our web page.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Please write a statement of purpose that addresses the following questions in 500 words or more:

1. Where and why do you want to study abroad? Please list your program choice and/or university and the semester(s) and year in which you intend to study abroad.
2. Describe how the IFSA Foundation Scholarship would help you to study abroad. What would you use the scholarship money specifically for?
3. How does study abroad relate to your professional, personal, and academic goals?
4. Please discuss your current (within the last year) involvement on the CSU campus (such as student organizations)? What kind of unpaid community service have you done in the greater Cleveland community in the past year? Please include the name of each organization and the type of service work that you do.
5. State your plan to fulfill the service component of the scholarship.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

We suggest asking a faculty member who knows you and your work. You can tell the recommender that they are welcome to email or mail their reference into the Center for International Services and Programs, KB 1150 or studyabroad@csuohio.edu. The reference should address in one page your skills, qualities, and suitability to receive up to a \$10,000 study abroad scholarship. You may wish to give your professor a copy of your statement of purpose to assist them in writing your reference.



IFSA Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship Application Form

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____ CSU I.D. Number _____

Undergraduate Graduate Expected Graduation Date _____

Major _____ Minor _____

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM INFORMATION

Title of Study Abroad Program _____

Program Dates _____

IF NOT A CSU PROGRAM

Program Sponsor or Host Institution _____

Have you been accepted to the Program? Yes No

If not a CSU faculty led program, please provide copy of acceptance letter.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Do you currently receive financial aid from Cleveland State University? Yes No (If you have not filed a FAFSA form for the current academic year, please attach the FAFSA worksheet to this application.)

AFFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE

I affirm that the information provided by me and contained within this scholarship application is correct and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation in this packet will disqualify me from consideration as a candidate for the award. I also authorize the committee to obtain a copy of my academic record. Further, I authorize release of any FAFSA results to the selection committee. I agree to assist in the promotion of study abroad at Cleveland State. My signature below certifies my voluntary submission of this application.

Applicant signature _____

Date _____