

## **PURPOSE**

To provide financial assistance to Cleveland State University students who are economically disadvantaged and have demonstrated both academic and leadership achievements, for participation in study abroad. The award will range from \$300-\$1,000.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify for the CSU Study Abroad Scholarship students must meet the following criteria **at the time of application**.

1. Enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours and seeking a degree at Cleveland State University
2. Successful completion of one academic year of study at CSU. For transfer and graduate students, successful completion of one semester of study at CSU
3. Minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA for undergraduates; 3.2 cumulative GPA for graduate students
4. Demonstrated financial need with current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file in the Office of Financial Aid
5. No prior award from the CSU Study Abroad Scholarship. This is a one-time award

## **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. Essay
3. Program acceptance letter (if not a CSU program)
4. If you have not filed a FAFSA, a completed form should be turned in with this application.

## **DEADLINES**

Spring Semester 2009 (including SPRING BREAK)	<b>November 21, 2008</b>
Summer Session 2009	<b>March 6, 2009</b>
Fall Semester 2009	<b>May 15, 2009</b>

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

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

1. Academic performance
2. CSU Campus and Greater Cleveland community involvement and volunteer work
3. Demonstrated financial need
4. Type of Study Abroad Program (priority will be given to students participating in semester or year-long programs)

## **SERVICE COMPONENT**

Upon their return to the U.S., scholarship recipients are encouraged to get involved in the promotion of study abroad programming at CSU. This could be in the form of donating personal study abroad photos for use in publications (digital or paper), providing link to a blog about the overseas experience, speaking 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.

# CSU STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please address the following questions in an essay of 500 words or more.

1. Have you traveled outside of the U.S.? If so, where, when, and for what purpose?
2. How does your Study Abroad Program relate to your professional, personal, and academic goals?
3. What is the extent of 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.
4. How are you preparing for this experience?
5. How will you give back to the CSU community after your study abroad experience?



# CSU 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 \_\_\_\_\_