

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How do I prove I am major/minoring in a foreign language?

If you are currently a college student your transcript, which you need to submit along with the application, will list your major/minor and the course(s) you have already taken, verifying that you meet the qualifications. If you cannot declare a major/minor until your Sophomore year, have your university advisor write a letter indicating your intent.

If you are currently in high school and are going to college next year, there are several alternatives to verify your major/minor. If you have a letter of acceptance from the college/university it should show your planned major/minor; or, if you don't have that, then a letter from the admissions person you are working with at the college/university, stating your intended major/minor, will do; or, finally, if neither of those are available, you can have your high school guidance counselor write a letter indicating the language you took in high school, and your intended major/minor language in college.

Does the letter of recommendation need to be from a current volunteer, or can it be from a retired volunteer?

If the volunteer knows you well, they do not have to be active, they can be a "former" volunteer.

How and when will I know if I have been awarded a scholarship?

Successful applicants will be announced on July 1 (Corinne's birthday), and January 1 (for 2nd semester). Awardees are notified by email and letter, and their names are posted on the website. Applicants that do NOT receive awards are NOT notified, but can consult the list of awardees on the website.

Is there any language that is not eligible for consideration for the scholarship?

ALL language (except for English), including ancient ones and American Sign Language, are acceptable. It is the Foundation's intent to encourage the study of language and the cultures associated with them. Therefore, while modern languages may have an immediate application, the study of ancient languages provides insight into modern cultures and language as well.

How many scholarships will be awarded each year?

We are not limited to a specific number but make awards based on the quality of the applications. Over the past several years we have annually given, on average, twelve *Scholarships to Study a Foreign Language*, and eight *Scholarships to Travel Abroad* (two per academic time period).

I am a college Senior, with a major in international studies and a minor in foreign language. I have been accepted to graduate school to pursue my master's degrees in the foreign language. Am I eligible for the scholarships?

No. The Foundation provides support only for undergraduate students.

I am attending a local Community College. When I receive my degree, I will pursue a major in foreign language, am I eligible to apply for the scholarship now?

No. We only support college/university major/minors. When you matriculate to a college/university, then you can apply for our scholarship.

I have received my Girl Scout Silver Award; however, I am no longer a Girl Scout. Am I still eligible for the scholarship?

Yes.

Where are applications for the scholarship available?

Applications available for download on the Foundation's website at www.cjsfoundaton.org.

Why can't I submit my application and support materials online?

It is a convenience to the Foundation to have hard copies "in hand" at the time of evaluation, rather than being responsible for any electronic glitches that may occur. In addition, several of the items (e.g. letter of recommendation, proof of GS award) need to be the "hard" copies. Finally, since several of our "friends" read the application, it is an undue burden for the Foundation to have to print/copy/forward applications to all of the evaluation committee.

I see that all parts of the application must be RECEIVED by 5:00pm CST on the due date. What happens if the U.S. Postal Service doesn't get the delivery to the Foundation on-time? Even if I mailed it in time?

We regret that your application will NOT be considered if it is received after the deadline, regardless of postmark. To be fair to all applicants, we adhere to the deadline. If you are concerned that your application might not arrive on time you may want to consider using a service that guarantees delivery (UPS, FedEx, etc.)

How will I know that the Foundation received my application and I am eligible?

If the application arrives by 5:00pm CST, on the deadline date, it is eligible? If you want verification that the application arrived in time you can email or call the Foundation.

Are students that are in high school after July 1 eligible for the scholarships?

No. The scholarships are intended to support undergraduate applicants that currently or will be attending an accredited four-year college/university as a full-time student during the year. Therefore, only a high school student that is a senior, with proof of acceptance to a four-year college/university is eligible.

I am interested in applying for a scholarship at the end of my Senior year in high school (next year), what will the application deadline be at that time?

The application deadlines for the next several years are listed on our website, under Deadlines.

If I am awarded a scholarship how will I receive the money?

It depends on which scholarship you are awarded.

Scholarship to Travel Abroad – When you arrive at your destination, and contact us, the money will be sent to your parent/guardian to be deposited in your banking account.

Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language – No money is given directly to the individual recipient. Scholarship awards are paid directly to the college/university the recipient is attending. This is a common practice for virtually all institutions of higher education, and we will work with the recipient and the institution to make sure the scholarship award is credited to your account.

I am applying for the scholarship and must provide proof that I have my Silver or Gold Award. Is a copy of the letter the council sent notifying me of my receipt the award proof, or should I make a copy of the certificate?

Either will be sufficient to prove you received the award.

Do I need an “official” copy of my transcript, or is a copy enough?

You do not need an “official” transcript, a copy or a print-copy of an internet transcript will do.

I have been asked to write a letter of recommendation for a Girl Scout that is applying for the scholarship. Is there anything that you are particularly looking for me to include?

We are interested in “who she really is”. What is her work ethic; what type of young woman is she; why you think she is a good candidate for our scholarship. Please take a little time while visiting the website to learn about Corinne – that may help you to understand the type of young women we want to support.

Should my letters of recommendation be sent directly to the Foundation?

No. ALL parts of the application – letters of recommendation, proof of award, transcript, etc. – must be sent in one package. That way it is your responsibility for completing the application process properly, not ours.

Throughout my Girl Scouting activities, including my Silver Award, my mother was my leader. Can she write the letter of recommendation?

No. We want the letter of recommendation from someone that does not have such a close relationship with you. Neither is it acceptable to have a guidance counselor, teacher minister, employer, neighbor, family friend, etc. write the letter, unless they are or have been a Girl Scout volunteer. You might get your mother's co-leader, one of the Council's staff, or one of the service unit members to write it.

I am hoping to study abroad for the Academic year. I was wondering if I can apply for both the *Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language* and the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*?

Yes.