

Frequently Asked Questions

SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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.

I am taking a foreign language in college, but I am not major/minoring in it. Am I eligible for the scholarship?

The Academic *Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language* is meant only for students that have a major/minor in a foreign language. However, the *Scholarship to Study Abroad* is meant for Silver or Gold Awardees regardless of major/minor.

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.

Are students that attend a community college eligible?

Not while attending the community college. The scholarships are intended to support undergraduate applicants that are currently or will be attending an accredited four-year college/university as a full-time student. However, a community college student may apply if they have an acceptance letter from a college/university.

I am a high school senior and plan to attend a foreign university next year, with a major in foreign language. The following year I plan to transfer back to my state university (I have been accepted to both universities). Am I eligible to apply for the scholarships?

You are eligible to apply for both. The Academic Scholarship supports Silver and Gold Awardees in their pursuit of a major/minor in a foreign language if it is at an accredited four-year college/university – regardless that accredited university is in the United States or abroad. Although most students pursue foreign study nearer the end of their academic training, studying aboard earlier in your education is acceptable.

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

For the *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 enough 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.