

Frequently Asked Questions

SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ABROAD

I am currently a college student that will be going to a foreign country as a volunteer to help teach children English, am I eligible for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*?

The *Scholarship to Study Abroad* is meant to support a student that is studying abroad in pursuit of a degree (not necessarily a language degree, however). While your activity is a wonderful service, it does not fit the Foundation's intent and charter.

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.

If I want to study abroad must I consider one of the European countries, or will any foreign country meet the Foundation's criteria?

The *Scholarship to Study Abroad* is NOT limited to study in European countries, we will consider the submission based on answers to questions in the application, no matter what the foreign country may be. You can see a list of the variety of countries we have funded on the Awardees page.

I have been accepted into a study abroad program for the summer. I will be taking on-site courses and studying at various historical locations. Am I eligible to apply for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*?

Yes. We do consider all summer abroad study, BUT it must be at least six weeks in length, and award a semester of credit.

My summer study abroad program is run by the university and provides course credit, however, it is only three weeks long. Am I eligible to apply for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*?

No. The study abroad must be at least six weeks long.

Is a high school student who studied abroad during their senior year or over the summer eligible for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*?

No. The scholarship is intended to support applicants that are currently or will be attending an accredited four-year college/university as a full-time undergraduate student. Only a high school senior that has proof of acceptance to a four-year college/university is eligible. The *Scholarship to Study Abroad* is not awarded to a student prior to beginning attendance at a four-year college/university.

If I receive a *Scholarship to Study Abroad* how do I get my airline ticket?

Purchase your round-trip ticket on your own. Then send us a copy of the ticket and/or documentation (e-tickets usually provide all such documentation through an email or on-line at the time you purchase the ticket.) Upon receiving verification from you that you have arrived at your destination we send the award to your parent/guardian for deposit in your checking account.

Why can't I receive the award sooner, so I don't have to pay from my own pocket?

While we appreciate the financial situation faced by students, we also must to be sure that awardees use the award for the purpose that the *Scholarship to Study Abroad* intends. By verifying that you have arrived at your destination, and having a copy of your ticket, we can be sure the conditions of the *Scholarship to Study Abroad* have been met. We will work with you to establish the most efficient and quickest way to verify that you have arrived at your destination so you can receive your award as soon as possible.

I see the deadline for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad* is after my study abroad program begins – is there any way that the application can be reviewed early?

We do not review applications early, all applications are considered at the same time, without any special qualifications. If you are chosen for the *Scholarship to Study Abroad*, we will send your award as soon as we receive a copy of your airline tickets, and verification that you have arrived at your study abroad location

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 of 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 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.

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.

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

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.