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Study Abroad Student Scholarship Program

Study Abroad (outside the U.S.) Programs are credit courses. Scholarships are provided for participation in a study abroad experience that normally takes place during a one to three week period. Awards will be granted up to 75% of the study abroad cost (excluding tuition and fees) for a maximum of \$2,000 and will be allocated directly to the program cost. Any exceptions to the scholarship program outlined below can be made by the Vice President of Instruction. The scholarship is a needs-based program and is based on the eligibility requirements below. The scholarship is awarded for a specific program and may not be postponed to another cycle.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, applicants must:

- 1) Have completed 12 academic credit hours at one of the Lone Star College System (LSCS) campus locations by the end of the semester in which scholarship applications are due (12 months prior to study abroad program).
- 2) Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher by the end of the current semester in which scholarship application is submitted, maintaining a 2.5 GPA up to the date of Study Abroad Program participation.
- 3) Be currently enrolled at the time of application and remain enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours in a credit program at one of the LSCS campus locations until the beginning of the study abroad program.
- 4) Demonstrate financial need.

Please note: Students may receive only one scholarship once every three years.

Application Procedure

Applicants must submit all application materials to the study abroad faculty member. The faculty member will collect applications as a group and submit to the International Programs and Services Office at the System Office of LSCS. All items of the scholarship application must be submitted together; otherwise, it is incomplete and will not be considered. These items include:

- 1) A completed Study Abroad Program Application
- 2) A completed Study Abroad Scholarship Application
- 3) Typewritten 300-400 word essay on the topic: "Why I Want to Study Abroad"
- 4) A transcript and copy of current class schedule
- 5) Two letters of recommendation: The first must be from a LSCS faculty member, and the second can be from an employer or another faculty member.

Other Requirements

All applicants must:

- 1) **Complete and submit to the Financial Aid Office an LSCS Application for Financial Assistance (FAFSA). International students will need to submit alternative documentation to demonstrate need. Please note it can take up to ten business days to complete your FAFSA application from start to finish. Please see your financial aid advisor if you require assistance.**
- 2) Provide a statement outlining why financial assistance is needed.
- 3) Attend all required orientations for your program. Please see your study abroad faculty member for orientation dates.
- 4) Conduct a presentation for other students about their Study Abroad experience within 5 months of their return.

Deadline

Applications for the Study Abroad Scholarship must be completed and submitted with all relevant documents by the first Monday of November every year for all study abroad programs.

Selection Procedure

Students may apply for only one scholarship. Candidates who meet the financial need requirements based on FAFSA, student statement of financial need (or alternative demonstration of need), and study abroad program requirements will have their essay judged by a selection committee. Essays are evaluated based on the quality of content, style, and grammar.

I certify that all questions on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to submit all required information and documents including proof of travel insurance, receipt for payment of study abroad course and program, risk management form and proof of valid travel documents (passport, visa, immunization records, etc). Further, I understand that consideration for this Study Abroad Scholarship may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate. I authorize LSCS to obtain the information necessary to process this application from my student records.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Study Abroad Student Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Name of Applicant

Last

First

Middle

Current Mailing Address

Street Address or PO Box

City

State

Zip

Permanent Mailing Address

Street Address or PO Box

City

State

Zip

Current Telephone No () _____ Permanent Telephone No () _____

Email Address: _____ Student ID #: _____

Academic Information

Classification: College Freshman College Sophomore Other _____

Degree you are seeking: _____ Declared Major: _____

Approximate GPA: _____ (Note: GPA is subject to verification by LSCS)

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No Are you a permanent resident? Yes No If you answered no to either question, please list your country of origin: _____

Study Abroad Program in which you wish to participate:

Dates of Program: From (MM/DD/YY) _____ To (MM/DD/YY) _____

Title of Program: _____

Country of Program: _____

Campus: North Harris Tomball Cy-Fair
 Montgomery Kingwood

Term of Program: Summer I Summer II May Mini Session

Course Credit that you will receive _____

Financial Information:

Please submit a plan to show how you plan to pay the remaining balance for the Study Abroad Program and calculate your budget for studying and living abroad below:

Resources

Loan(s) \$ _____
Work \$ _____
Parents \$ _____
Savings \$ _____

Total Resources \$ _____

Estimated Expenditures

Program Fee \$ _____
(includes: housing, air fare, insurance)
Food \$ _____
Leisure \$ _____
Books \$ _____

Total Expenditures \$ _____

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