



2010-2011 The Education Abroad Network Scholarship Guide

The Education Abroad Network Scholarships

The Education Abroad Network is deeply committed to giving students an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience study abroad in a new and exciting culture. We recognize that in many instances, additional funding is necessary to make the study abroad experience both affordable and realistic. These supplemental scholarships were devised as a humble attempt to help students with the financial commitments required for an international education experience.

The Education Abroad Network offers four types of scholarships: **Merit-Based Scholarships**, **Need-Based Scholarships**, **Gilman Bonus Scholarships**, and **Sequel Scholarships**. The scholarship awards range between \$500 - \$1,500. Though The Education Abroad Network has awarded scholarships to a high percentage of all those that have applied, completing the application is not a guarantee for a scholarship award.

The awards for 2010 and 2011 will be released on the following dates:

- Fall 2010 Scholarships – announced in mid-May 2010 (with the exception of the Gilman Bonus which is announced in late June 2010 due to awards schedule of the actual Gilman Scholarships)
- Spring 2011 Scholarships – announced in mid-December 2010 (with the exception of the Gilman Bonus which is announced in January 2011 due to award schedule of actual Gilman Scholarships)

Application Deadlines

Australia/New Zealand Programs:

Semester 1 (Feb-June): November 22

Semester 2 (July-Nov): April 22

Bond University only:

January Term: October 22

May Term: February 22

Sept Term: June 22

Asia Programs:

Semester 1 (Feb-June): November 22

Semester 2 (Aug-Dec): May 22

Requirements & Criteria

Merit-Based Scholarship

Description:

- \$500 - 1,500 scholarships will be granted based on the merit of the applicant.
- The purpose of this scholarship is to award those who have not only achieved academic excellence but have served as leaders and role models within their community.

Requirements:

- Must be accepted into The Education Abroad Network semester program. Students may not apply for the scholarship before they are formally accepted into The Education Abroad Network program.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- Disbursement can only be applied towards total program fees. Cash disbursements will not be made under any circumstances.
- Scholarship applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Although a student may qualify for the Merit and Need-Based Scholarships, they may not apply for both.



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Selection Criteria:

- Will be based on the application and essay and applications will be judged by a panel of The Education Abroad Network staff members.
 - To be considered for the Merit-Based Scholarship you must meet the above requirements.
 - Assessment will be based on the merit of the individual applicants judged by the following: excellence in academics, active participation in extra-curricular activities, achievement in leadership skills, awareness of the value of international education, and a one-page essay addressing “Why international education is valuable to me and how will I benefit from my international experience.”
 - No exceptions regarding the above requirements will be made.
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Need-Based Scholarship:

Description:

- \$500 - 1,500 scholarships will be awarded granted based on the financial need of the applicant.
- The purpose of this scholarship is to award those who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrated community involvement and require extra financial assistance.

Requirements:

- Must be accepted into The Education Abroad Network semester program. Students may not apply for the scholarship before they are formally accepted into The Education Abroad Network program.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- Applicants must currently receive financial aid from a US college or university or other independent source (parental loans, personal loan, etc.).
- Applicants must show proof of financial need by completing The Education Abroad Network Financial Aid Form. Form to be completed by a financial aid officer at your home university or college.
- Disbursement can only be applied towards total program fees. Cash disbursements will not be made under any circumstances.
- Scholarship applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Although a student may qualify for the Need and Merit-Based Scholarship, they may not apply for both.

Selection Criteria:

- Will be based on the application and essay and judged by a panel of The Education Abroad Network staff members.
 - To be considered for the Need-Based Scholarship you must meet the above requirements.
 - Assessment will be based on the level of financial need of the individual applicants by assessing the following: The Education Abroad Network Financial Aid Form, current financial need through parental or personal loans, and a one-page essay addressing the question “Why international education and community involvement are important aspects of my life?”
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Gilman Bonus Scholarship:

Description:

- Any student who has received the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship will have the opportunity to receive a \$500 Gilman Bonus Scholarship from The Education Abroad Network.

Requirements:

- Must be a recipient of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. For more information on the Gilman scholarship visit <http://www.iie.org/gilman/>.
- Must be accepted into The Education Abroad Network semester program. Students may not apply for the scholarship before they are formally accepted into The Education Abroad Network program.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- Disbursement can only be applied towards total program fees. Cash disbursements will not be made under any circumstances.
- Scholarship applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria:

- Will be based on the submission of the application and essay and judged by a panel of The Education Abroad Network staff members.
- To be considered for the Gilman Bonus Scholarship, students must have received the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. All additional requirements above must be met.
- Assessment will be based on proof of Benjamin A. Gilman award as well as a one-page essay addressing "How I foresee study abroad impacting my life."
- No exceptions regarding the above requirements will be made.

Sequel Scholarship:

Description:

- \$500 scholarships will be awarded to a program participant who has formerly participated in another one of The Education Abroad Network full semester study abroad programs.
- The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize those students who have once again made the commitment to study abroad. We realize that extra financial assistance is necessary to participate in multiple study abroad programs within a college career.

Requirements:

- Must be accepted into The Education Abroad Network program, including semester, summer, winter, or internship programs. Students may not apply for the scholarship before they are formally accepted into The Education Abroad Network program.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student.



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- Disbursement can only be applied towards total program fees. Cash disbursements will not be made under any circumstances.
- Scholarship applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria:

- Will be based on the submission of the application and essay and judged by a panel of The Education Abroad Network staff members.
- To be considered for The Education Abroad Network Sequel Scholarship you must meet the above requirements.
- Assessment will be based on a one-page essay addressing the following topic: "How did I grow from my first study abroad experience and what is the value of studying abroad again?"
- No exceptions regarding the above requirement will be made.



Application Process

- Step One: Complete the 2-page scholarship application in its entirety
- Step Two: Obtain necessary information: Official Transcripts, Recommendation, and Financial Aid Form (if necessary)
- Step Three: Complete the appropriate essay
- Step Four: Complete the scholarship checklist
- Step Five: Send all information to The Education Abroad Network in one envelope at the address listed below

Scholarship Program

I am applying for:

_____ **Merit-Based Scholarship** _____ **Gilman Bonus Scholarship** _____ **Need-Based Scholarship** _____ **Sequel Scholarship**

Personal Information

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
First Last Middle Initial Area Code Phone

Present Institution _____ Student ID Number _____

Campus Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Cumulative GPA _____ / _____

Current Status: _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

To Be Completed by the Student:

Authorization: I _____ give my permission to release financial aid information to The Education Abroad Network for the purpose of evaluating my scholarship application for financial support.

Student's Signature

Date

Program Information

I have been accepted to the following program:

Term/Year _____ Host Institution: _____

Essay

Following the application please submit a one-page typed essay for the appropriate scholarship:

- **Merit Scholarship Essay:** "Why international education is valuable to me and how I will benefit from my international experience?"
- **Need Scholarship Essay:** "Why international education and community involvement are important aspects of my life?"
- **Gilman Scholarship Essay:** "How do I foresee study abroad impacting my life?"
- **Sequel Scholarship Essay:** "How did I grow from your first study abroad experience and what is the value of studying abroad again?"



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Study Abroad Advisor Approval (to be completed by Study Abroad or Academic Advisor)

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I confirm that the student listed above is in good academic standing and has had no disciplinary action brought against him/her. In addition, I would recommend this student as a suitable candidate for the scholarship indicated.

(Advisor Signature) _____ (Date)

Supplemental Scholarship Section (to be completed by student)

Please answer the following questions. Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Indicate any source(s) of financial aid that you are currently receiving or have received in the past. Include any scholarships/aid not directly awarded by your home institution.

Indicate the financial aid source(s) you intend to use to financially support your study abroad experience (savings, loans, parents, etc).

Indicate any current employment that will help support your study abroad experience.

Indicate any current extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, or community activities that you are involved in.

Recommendation

Please submit 1 letter of recommendation from a source that is familiar with your academic background (faculty members, study abroad advisors, guidance counselors, or former teachers). The letter of recommendation should address the following:

- 1.) Reasons why you are a good candidate to participate in The Education Abroad Network study abroad program
- 2.) Reasons why you are a good candidate for the particular scholarship
- 3.) Reasons that your skills and motivation are above and beyond other candidates

This recommendation should be returned in a sealed envelope with your complete scholarship application packet.

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2010-2011 The Education Abroad Network Scholarship Checklist

Please complete the scholarship checklist below and submit with your complete Scholarship Application Packet.

- All materials must be post-marked by the application deadline listed on the Scholarship Application and in the Scholarship Guide.
 - Please list the date on which your scholarship will be post-marked: _____
 - Candidates applying to any of The Education Abroad Network scholarships (regardless of type), must submit the following items together in **one complete packet**. Please check off the items that you have included in your scholarship application packet:
 - 2-page The Education Abroad Network Scholarship Application
 - One-page minimum typed essay (see Scholarship Application for essay topics)
 - One copy of your official transcripts
 - Recommendation
 - Scholarship Checklist
 - Candidates applying for the Need-Based Scholarship or the Gilman Bonus Scholarship must submit the Financial Aid Form. Please check this item below if this form will be included in your scholarship application packet:
 - Financial Aid Form
 - Candidates applying for the Gilman Bonus Scholarship must submit proof of the Gilman Scholarship Award. Please check this item below if this form will be included in your scholarship application packet:
 - Proof of Gilman Scholarship
 - Transcripts must be submitted with your complete Scholarship Application Packet. Please Note: The initial transcripts that you previously submitted for your study abroad application **CANNOT** be used for your scholarship application. You must request an additional copy for the purpose of the scholarship.
 - Your Recommendation must be submitted with your complete scholarship application. Please Note: Any Recommendations that may have been previously submitted to support your study abroad application **CANNOT** be used for your scholarship application. The Recommendation for the scholarship must be submitted in a sealed envelope by a source that is familiar with your academic background (faculty member, study abroad advisor, guidance counselor, etc.).
 - Name of person completing your Recommendation: _____
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Student Information

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Student ID Number: _____ Term/Year Abroad _____

Financial Aid Declaration – to be completed by Financial Aid Administrator

The student named above is applying for financial support toward the cost of a study abroad program through The Education Abroad Network. Your assistance is requested with this application. Please use estimated data and mark the estimated box if actual amounts are not yet available. The Education Abroad Network program costs for the period for study can be obtained by contacting us at (800) 585-9658 or emailing us at scholarships@study-australia.com.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ Email _____

Administrator's Signature _____
Date

Financial Aid Information

Home Institution's Current Annual Cost of Attendance for a Resident Student \$ _____

Home Institution's Cost of Attendance for the Term Indicated (see above) \$ _____

Student's Expected Family Contribution (from FAFSA) \$ _____ Year _____

Did the student receive financial aid during the past year? (Please Circle) Yes No

Will the student receive financial aid through the home institution for The Education Abroad Network program? (Please Circle) Yes No

Financial Aid Expected for the Term Indicated Above*

	Estimated Amount	Actual Award Amount	Transfer for Study Abroad?
Grants/ Scholarships			
Federal Pell Grant			Yes or No
Federal SEOG Grant			Yes or No
State Grant			Yes or No
College Merit Awards			Yes or No
College Need-Based Grants			Yes or No
University/ Institutional Scholarships			Yes or No
Other:			Yes or No
Other:			Yes or No
(A) Total Grants/Scholarships	\$ _____		
Loans:			
Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan			Yes or No
Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan			Yes or No
Federal Perkins Loan			Yes or No
Institutional Student Loan			Yes or No
Federal PLUS Loan			Yes or No
Other:			Yes or No
Other:			Yes or No
(B) Total Loans:	\$ _____		
Total Aid (A + B)	\$ _____		