

Study Abroad Scholarship Guidelines

The Study Abroad Scholarship has been established to assist those Murray State University degree-seeking students who have applied for participation in one of Murray State's programs abroad.

Eligibility

- All applicants must be fully enrolled, degree-seeking MSU students. Students participating in MSU-sponsored programs as "visiting" or "non-degree seeking" are not eligible.
- All applicants must be participating in a program sponsored and endorsed by MSU. This includes both formal exchange programs and those offered by consortia in which MSU is a member institution.
- All students should hold at least a sophomore standing at the time of their participation.
- Students who are participating in university study abroad for the first time will be given priority over repeat participants.

Procedures

- A copy of the application and all required addenda must be presented to the Study Abroad Scholarship Committee by the indicated deadline in one package. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Application pieces cannot be sent separately to the Study Abroad Office.**
- Following the Committee's decision, student recipients will receive a formal notification letter from the Institute for International Studies.
- Students **MUST** return the required service plan as acceptance of the scholarship before the scholarship will be applied to their MSU account.

Application Guidelines

Applicants are responsible for providing the Study Abroad Scholarship Committee with **all** information required by the Committee. This includes:

- Complete costs of the program as provided by the program's representatives;**
- Financial Statement information that would assist the committee in establishing need;**
- An essay that discusses in depth why you wish to study abroad, including any cultural, academic or personal reasons for your decision;**
- One letter of reference from an MSU faculty or staff member in a signed, sealed envelope;**
- An official MSU transcript in a signed, sealed envelope.**

Information provided by the student is kept confidential. The Committee's decision is final and confidential.

Awards

The amount awarded is a partial waiver of tuition or study abroad program costs. Among the criteria for the amounts awarded are: the number of applicants, the apparent financial need in each case, the thoroughness of the application, and the essay discussion of the desire to study abroad. The awards will not be given in cash amounts.

Service

Students selected for the Study Abroad Scholarship will be required to complete service hours to the Study Abroad Office in the first semester of their re-entry to MSU. The scholarship service hours required will be designated based on the amount awarded. This will be specified in the letter of acceptance. The scholarship will not be applied to the student account until the student completes the service plan included with the award letter.

ALL application materials MUST be in the Study Abroad Office in one package by the deadline to be considered.