

Scholarships & Grants: General Resources for Study Abroad Antioch Education Abroad 2004

USING THIS GUIDE

While this list is comprehensive, it is in no means complete. In addition to the various scholarships we have found, we have also provided a list of search engines. In order to help you find the best funding suited for you, we have categorized each resource by program; however, some may be cross listed with each other. Look over these resources carefully **paying particular attention to deadlines and eligibility requirements**. Most awards have deadlines well before the proposed award date so be sure to plan ahead. It is best to start researching at least a year before your intended program start date.

YOU MAY FIND MONEY IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

Before you begin your Internet search, one of the most immediate and accessible avenues of financial aid is to inquire directly at your home institution. For example, aside from the financial aid office, **students may also be able to get aid from deans or specific academic departments that relate to their study abroad focus by writing a proposal.**

In order to make your proposal more competitive, we suggest you include:

- ☐ Goals Statement (i.e. why this program is unique for you and what you will gain from both an academic and professional perspective).
- ☐ Cost breakdown of program (i.e. after meeting with your financial aid officer include financial aid transfer breakdown, breakdown of program itself, what costs you will cover and what you are proposing the department to cover. **BE REALISTIC!** Possible funding contributions can be towards airfare, books, or meals during homestays if applicable).
- ☐ Proof read! Proof read! Proof read! Have someone else read your proposal! **Please note that your proposal can be submitted to more than one funding source.**
- ☐ We are happy to assist you with further questions! You can reach us at (800) 874-7986.

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Once you conduct an internet search or find scholarship and grant opportunities that you would like to pursue, it is time to begin the application process. The requirements and paper work necessary for some scholarships and grants, especially large and competitive awards, may seem intimidating or even too much. Remember that this process is to show your interest and commitment and is done by students your age each year. Most applications are composed of an Academic Proposal, Statement of Purpose and/or Personal Statement, and Activities List or Resume, References and sometimes Transcripts. While applications vary slightly, here are some suggestions and guidelines to help facilitate the process.

- ☐ Academic Proposal/Statement of Purpose is usually the bulk of the application. It spells out in detail what you want to do, why, where, how and when you want to do it. It is normally no longer than two pages and should include how well you are prepared for the program, how the program fits into your academic and future goals. This essay should be well written and thoroughly thought out. Make the appropriate re-writes and get others to proofread and make suggestions.
- ☐ Personal Statement is the opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants. It is not a restatement of honors, awards or activities, but an essay that shows your motivations, goals and ideas of how these will be realized. This essay should also be no more than two pages.
- ☐ Activities List, depending on the scholarship, this may be a separate document or information provided on the application form. Either way, this is the opportunity to demonstrate that you are a well-rounded individual with

initiative, passions, talent and commitment. Some ways to extend this list include;

- Essay contests
- Research and Leadership opportunities
- Volunteering
- Service on University Committees
- Extracurricular activities
- Language study

☐References are generally from academic faculty of whom you have had at least one course and whom you know well. They should reflect both your academic ability and potential.

FUNDING SOURCES

Scholarships specifically for study abroad (may be applicable to all AEA programs)

Gilman International Scholarship (www.iie.org/gilman)

Program sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural affairs in the U.S. Department of State. Applicant must be eligible for Pell Grant and applying for a non-summer program that visits only one country. Must apply the term before the start date of the program. E-mail: gilman@iie.org

National Security Education Program (NSEP) (www.iie.org/nsep)

Federally funded scholarship awarded to undergraduate students who are interested in studying in an area of the world deemed critical for US (non-Western European countries). Programs such as in Japan, India, Brazil, or Mali could apply. Must be studying a language during the program. Awards given on a merit-based system according to program costs. Competitive: scholarship applicant to award is 4 to 1. Deadline February 14th.

Phone: 1-800-618-NSEP E-mail: nesp@iie.org

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships (www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/prospect/index.html)

Provides generous scholarships for study abroad. Mostly for full-year programs. Application process starts with your local Rotary Club. (847) 866-3000

Target All Around Scholarships (http://target.com/common/page.jhtml?content=target_cg_scholarship)

This scholarship is available to all undergraduate students enrolled full-time at an accredited institution. Award is based on leadership and service hours. Deadline is Feb 15th for mid August award.

World Federalist Association Awards (www.wfa.org/youth/scholar.html)

Scholarships awards range from \$500-\$1500. Applicant must be committed to building a better world. Deadline is October 15th and must be between 16 and 28 years old on the date. E-mail: chansson@wfa.org Phone: 1 800 WFA-0123

Youth Foundation Scholarship (<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s7.htm>)

Deadline is April 15th. Awards scholarships for an undergraduate's junior year abroad. May be applicable to all programs.

Funding Applicable for Antioch in Germany Program

DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service (Undergraduate Short Term Award): (www.daad.org)

Funding Applicable for Women's Studies Program

Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund (www.zami.org/application.htm)

This fund provides four awards, The Audre Lord Scholarship Award, The Tony Daniels Community Ally Award, The Keiron Williams Hero Award and The Marlon Riggs Social Justice Award, to recognize out lesbian/gay persons of African descent currently enrolled in undergraduate institutions. Most awards are designed to recognize community leaders and/or those who are doing work in marginalized or women's communities. For scholarship applications and additional requirements, please see the website or e-mail

audrelordescholarship@zami.org.

The General Foundation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts

Must be a MA resident; Deadline for submission: March 1; Contact: Jane A. Howard, Director of International Student Affairs, Mount Ida College; Email: jhoward@mountida.edu or (617) 928-4624

Lesbian Leadership Scholarship- (www.uncommonlegacy.org/grants/scholarships/htm)

Awards scholarships to outstanding undergraduate and graduate lesbian students at accredited colleges and universities in the US. Applicants must be enrolled full-time, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA, demonstrate a commitment or contribution to the lesbian community and demonstrate financial need. Application deadline is May 1st. For further information and the application form see the website or contact scholarship@UncommonLegacy.org.

NWDA-Women of Color Caucus Student Essays (www.nwsa.org/scholarship.htm)

Offers two awards to essays: the 1st written by women of African descent, and the 2nd for Latina, Asian/Asian American, and Native American Women, discussing and/or analyzing feminist/womanist issues concerning women and girls of color and/or experiences of Latina, Asian/Asian American and Native American Women and girls. Awards \$400 each category and applicants must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate institution. The deadline for each category is February 15th. E-mail- dscott@simmons.edu or Themorgangirl@aol.com

Funding Applicable for Buddhist Studies in Japan Program

Freeman-ASIA Program (<http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/about.htm>) or (www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/benefits.htm)

Promotes study in Asia. Awards \$3000 for summer study, \$5000 for a semester/quarter, and \$7000 for a year.

Association of International Education, Japan (AIEJ) Scholarships (www.aiej.or.jp/study_j/scholarships_e.html)

Eligibility: Undergraduate/Graduate Student 130,000 yen-150, 000 yen

Bridging Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan (<http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html>)

Site contains additional funding links for study in Japan.

College Women's Association of Japan-Undergraduate Scholarships for Non-Japanese Women

(Contact: CWAJ Scholarship NJW/Lion's Garden Ikedayama #312/5-22-2 Higashi Gotanda/Shinagawa-ku/ Tokyo 141 Japan)

Japanese Studies Scholarships in Japan

(Contact Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture/Government of Japan/Monbusho/3-2-2 Kasumigaseki/ Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN)

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Promotes study in Asia. Awards \$3000 for summer study, \$5000 for a semester/quarter, and \$7000 for a year.

Funding Applicable for Brazilian Ecosystems Program

Conservation Scholarship Studies (<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s24.htm>)

Must have spent at least two years, full-time at university. Award for \$1000. Phone: (515) 289-2331

Entomological Society of America Undergraduate Scholarships: (www.entfdn.org/YOUTH.htm#Under)

Eligibility: an undergraduate student in biology, zoology or a related science who has completed a project or course in entomology \$1500 Email: melodie@entfdn.org

John E. Fogarty International Center (www.nih.gov/fic/programs/grants.html)

Eligibility: minorities in field of science doing research E-mail: ficinfo@nih.gov

James K. Rathmell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship to Work/Study Abroad (www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/scholarships/rathmell.html)

Eligibility: Upper-level undergraduate or graduate students in Science planning to study floriculture or horticulture

outside of the country \$2000. E-mail: BPFI@gafix-net.com

The Explorers Club – Youth Activity Fund (www.explorers.org/research_grants/youth_activities_fund.php)

Eligibility: scientific field research. Awards scholarships to enable students to participate in field research of the natural sciences under the supervision of a qualified scientist and/or institution. Awards \$500-\$1500. E-mail: membership@explorers.org

The Charles Lindbergh Grants Program (www.lindberghfoundation.org/grants/index.html)

Eligibility: Research in Science or social science in the following categories: agriculture; conservation of natural resources; education; health **Deadline second Thursday in June of the year proceeding the awarding of funds. Awards up to \$10,580

E-mail: info@lindberghfoundation.org

Funding Applicable for Art and Culture in Mali Program

National Endowment for the Arts (www.arts.endow.gov/partner/International.html)

Arts International Fund (www.artsinternational.org/programs/the_fund/)

Eligibility: Undergraduate Students, Graduating Seniors, and Graduate Students. Email: thefund@artsinternational.org Phone: (212) 674-9744.

National Alliance for Excellence (www.excellence.org)

Eligibility: U.S. citizens who plan to or already attend a full-time college or university or an approved study abroad program. There is no age limit. Applicants choose one or all of the following categories: Academic, Technological Innovation, Visual Arts or Performing Arts. Scholarships start at \$1000. Please contact Betty Leidel, Director of Foundation Relations, (732) 824-6248 or The National Alliance for Excellence at (732) 747-0028 or (732) 842-2962 or e-mail for further information at info@excellence.org.

Funding Applicable for Antioch's Japan Field Studies Program

Association of International Education, Japan (AIEJ) Scholarships (http://www.aiej.or.jp.study_j/scholarships_e.html)

Scholarships available for qualified students admitted to a Japanese university for a period of one year. Open to all nationalities and range from 130,000 to 150,000 yen.

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Scholarships that are applicable for some study abroad programs (have specific requirements)

American Library Association (ALA) Awards, Grants, and Scholarships (www.ala.org/work/awards)

Eligibility: US citizen, language skills and other experience in library or information science. Positions and/or research available in library science or related areas.

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) Minority Scholarship (www.aifs.com/java/us/aifsay_s/scholar.htm)

Awards one full and 3-\$2000 grants each semester to African, Asian, Native, and Pacific Island-Americans who are enrolled full-time at an undergraduate institution. Phone: 1 800-727-2437

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Carpe Diem Foundation- (www.carpediemfoundation.org)

This scholarship awards 5 to 10 merit based scholarships to qualified candidates and each year thereafter. This award is not specifically for study abroad, but may be useful to cover tuition expenses.

Collegiate All-American Scholar Program- (www.usaa-academy.com)

This program offers cash grants to students. Eligibility requires teacher recommendation, biography entry and then scholarships are chosen on basis of 1) grade point average 2) school activities and 3) honors and awards. Please see website or contact our office for teacher recommendation forms and details. E-mail- usaa@usaa-academy.com or Phone: (859) 269-5671

Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund

Provides need-based funding up to \$6000 for student activists who are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate institution and who actively work for peace and justice. Citizenship is not a requirement, but students must be living in the US and enrolled in an accredited program in order to apply. E-mail daivsputter@hotmail.com for deadline information and application materials.

English-Speaking Union, Cincinnati Branch (www.esu-cincinnati.org/programs.htm)

Assist individuals in Liberal, Fine, Applied Arts or Humanities study in one of the countries of the British Commonwealth. Contact (513) 745-9848, or E-mail EKK7ART@aol.com

Exchange Pioneers Scholarship

This scholarship is for people with disabilities seeking funding for an internship abroad. This is not necessarily a fellowship for study abroad, but it may be helpful when planning a year abroad, for a study term and internship combination. Contact info at machiggins@sssnet.com, or pr@miusa.org

Additional info at (www.miusa.org) or (www.aapd-dc.org)

IIE/Midwest Study Abroad Scholarships (www.iie.org/midwest/grant)

Grants and scholarships awarded to students who are matriculated in mid-western universities. See web page for eligible schools. E-mail: mns@iie.org Phone: (312) 644-3759

Institute for European and Asian Studies (<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s10.htm>)

Scholarships for students studying in Europe or Asia. Awards range from \$2500-\$4000. Deadlines are in March or October. Phone: 1 800-995-2300.

Japan America Society of Chicago Scholarships

(www.us-japan.org/jasc) Scholarships support students undertaking research that leads to better US-Japanese understanding. E-mail: jasc@us-japan.org Phone: (312) 263-6120

Ginsburg Scholarship (Travel to Israel)

(<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s17.htm>)

Ben-Gurion University Overseas Student Program.

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Nuclear Age Peace Foundation- (www.wagingpeace.org)

The Barbara Mandingo Kelly Peace Poetry Award (\$1000), and The Swackhamer Peace Essay Contest for high school students (1st \$1500, 2nd \$1000. 3rd \$500), award grants to poems and essays about positive visions of peace and the human spirit and/or suggestions for constructive approaches to the problems of war and peace. Deadlines are July 1 and June 1 respectively. For more information, see website.

Overseas Scholarship Opportunities through Michigan State University

This site offers scholarships through the university for MSU students. There are also numerous external scholarship listings for undergraduate students that wish to study abroad. E-mail: studyabroad@osa.msu.edu. Phone: (517) 353-8920

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships (www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/prospect/index.html)

Provides generous scholarships for study abroad. Mostly for full-year programs. Application process starts with your local Rotary Club. (847) 866-3000

Scholarships for Foreign Students to Study in Japan Studies (<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s28.htm>)

Japanese government offers a variety of scholarships for study in Japan. Deadlines vary. Phone: (312) 280-0400

School for International Training-College Semester Abroad Scholarships (<http://worldlearning.org/wsp.html>)

Must complete application for semester abroad program. Awards range from \$500-\$2500. Deadline Oct. or May depending upon the semester. E-mail: info@worldlearning.org

Vincent L. Hawkins Foundation for Peace and Justice Scholarship Award

(<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s19.htm>) or (www.graceattheu.org/Pages/hawkinson.htm)

2-\$1500 scholarships for students who have shown commitment to peace and justice through study, internships, or projects. Must be resident or study in MN, IA, WI, ND, or SD. Deadline is April 29th. Phone: (612) 331-8125

Center for Cross Cultural Study- Seville, Spain

(<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/s27.htm>)

Special Scholarships (writing, essay and special topics)

Office of Special Scholarship Programs, University of Chicago (www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/ssp/essay)

Offers seven essay and writing contest grants. See website for detailed information on each contest.

Op Loftbed Scholarship Award- (www.oploftbed.com/scholarship/index.php)

Offers a \$500 scholarship to answer honest questions. Looks at the quality of the answer and not the writing.

Search engines etc.

BlackExcel- (www.BlackExcel.com)

100 Minority Scholarship gateway list

Institute of International Education, *Financial Resources for International Study* (www.iie.org/help/search.htm)

International Education Financial Aid (www.iefaf.org/)

International Study and Travel Center (www.istc.umn.edu/study/scholarships.html)

FastWeb (search engine) (www.fastweb.com)

FinAid (<http://www.finaid.org/scholarships>)

Global Eyes International Student Programs

(<http://www.global-eyes-student-programs.com/scholarships.htm>)

Provides information for a number of scholarships.

International Education Finance Cooperation: www.IEFC.com/studyabroad.html

International Education Financial Aid: www.iefaf.org

Allows you to search for scholarships by field of study, location of study, and host institution.

NAFSA – The Association for International Educators (<http://www.nafsa.org/content/AboutInternationalEducation/Resources/resources.htm>)

Petersons (links to scholarship and financial aid information): (www.petersons.com)

PlanetEdu.com: (study abroad search engine) (www.planetedu.com)

Reference Service Press, Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad and Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad (www.rspfunding.com)

Studentawards.com (http://www.studentawards.com/english/us/profile.asp?RefToken=591*a02)

StudyAbroad.com (http://www.studyabroad.com/forum/financial_aid.html)

U.S. Department of Education (http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide/) (student guide) <http://www.ed.gov/topics/topics.jsp?&top=Financial+Aid> (financial aid information)

U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs): (<http://exchanges.state.gov/>)
(http://fdncenter.org/searchzone/sitewide_VSearchResult.cfm)
(<http://www.collegecash.com/scholarships.htm>)
(http://www.osi.hu/index_files/whats.htm)

Student Loans

US Bank No Fee Education Loan

Speak with your Financial Aid Officer at your home institution or call (800) 242-1200 to speak with a US Bank education loan specialist.

(www.usbank.com/studentloans)

International Student Loan (specifically for study abroad)

(http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/us_student/study_abroad/)

Be Creative!

Remember, some students have found funding for overseas experiences by approaching local organizations (churches, synagogues, Rotary Foundations). It pays to be creative!