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, Diversity Scholarship, Gilman Bonus Scholarships, and Sequel Scholarships. The scholarship awards range between $1,000 - $5,000. This process is extremely competitive considering the limited amount of awards available due to a higher minimum and maximum award. Completing the application is not a guarantee for a scholarship award.

Awards are generally announced on the following dates:

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

Application Deadlines

All Programs:
Semester 1 (January/Feb – May/June): November 15
Semester 2 (July/August/September – November/December): May 15

Requirements & Criteria

Merit-Based Scholarship

Description:

- $1000 - $5000 scholarships will be granted based on the merit and leadership 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 3.5 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, Need-Based and Diversity Scholarships, they may not apply for both.
Selection Criteria:
- Will be based on the overall application materials, including a personal essay and overall presentation.
- 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 the following question: “Please describe a challenging intercultural interaction you have experienced and explain how you dealt with the situation. What did you learn? How can you use that experience to contribute to your learning on a TEAN program?”
- No exceptions regarding the above requirements will be made.

Need-Based Scholarship:

Description:
- $1,000 – $5,000 scholarships will be 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 2.5 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, essay and overall presentation. Applications will be 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: “What struggles have you faced in order to study abroad? Why is it worth it to you?”
- No exceptions regarding the above requirements will be made.
Diversity Scholarship:

Description:
- $1,000 – $5,000 scholarships will be granted based on the overall presentation and display of diversity.
- The purpose of this scholarship is to award those who have overcome extreme adversity due to gender, race, sexuality, religion, or other under-represented groups in study abroad (ex. first generation college students).

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.
- Must identify as a member of or have a unique experience and special knowledge with under-represented groups studying abroad.
- Scholarship applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Although a student may qualify for the Need, Merit-Based, and Diversity Scholarship, they may not apply for all.

Selection Criteria:
- Will be based on the application, essay and overall presentation. Applications will be judged by a panel of The Education Abroad Network staff members.
- To be considered for the Diversity Scholarship you must meet the above requirements.
- Assessment will be based on the overall presentation by each applicant by and a one-page essay addressing the question: “Describe your experience with overcoming adversity and how it has inspired you to learn about another culture?”
- No exceptions regarding the above requirements will be made.
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.
• 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.

Thailand Travel Grant Scholarship:

Description:
• Any student who has declared his/her major or minor as Southeast Asian studies or Non-Profit Leadership/Development are eligible for a competitive $1,500 Travel Grant Scholarship through The Education Abroad Network. One award is available per semester and will be given to a student who meets all requirements.

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 or higher.
• Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student.
• 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 Thailand Travel Grant Scholarship, students must have Southeast Asian studies or Non-Profit Leadership/Development listed as a major or minor on their official transcripts.
• Assessment will be based on overall application as well as a one-page essay addressing the question: “How do you feel a semester in Southeast Asia will enhance your academic goals and future career path?”
• No exceptions regarding the above requirements 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
- Need-Based
- Diversity
- Sequel
- Gilman Bonus
- Thailand Travel Grant

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: “Please describe a challenging intercultural interaction you have experienced and explain how you dealt with the situation. What did you learn? How can you use that experience to contribute to your learning on a TEAN program?”
- Need Scholarship Essay: “What struggles have you faced in order to study abroad? Why is it worth it to you?”
- Gilman Scholarship Essay: “How do you foresee study abroad impacting your life?”
- Diversity Scholarship Essay: “Describe your experience with overcoming adversity and how it has inspired you to learn about another culture?”
- Sequel Scholarship Essay: “How did you grow from your first study abroad experience and what is the value of studying abroad again?”
- Thailand Travel Grant Scholarship Essay: “How do you feel a semester in Southeast Asia will enhance your academic goals and future career path?”
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.

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

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

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

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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.

Application Deadlines: Applications are due to The Education Abroad Network (or need to be post-marked) by the dates listed below.

All Programs:
Spring Semester (January/February – May/June): November 15
Fall Semester (July/August/September – Nov/December): May 15
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.
  o 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:
  o 2-page The Education Abroad Network Scholarship Application
  o One-page minimum typed essay (see Scholarship Application for essay topics)
  o One copy of your official transcripts
  o Recommendation
  o 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:
  o 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:
  o Proof of Gilman Scholarship

☐ Candidates applying for the Thailand Travel Grant Scholarship must submit proof of major/minor in required field. Please check this item below if this form will be included in your scholarship application packet:
  o Transcript showing major/minor in Southeast Asian studies and/or Non Profit Leadership/Development

☐ 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. Unofficial and electronic copies will be accepted.

☐ 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.).
  o Name of person completing your Recommendation: __________________________