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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 need-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.

Applications are due by one of two deadlines: Second Monday of November OR the first Monday of February each year. Please note: Due to the limited number of scholarships available, no scholarships will be awarded in February if the funds are exhausted after the November deadline.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, applicants must:

- 1) Have completed at least 12 institutional credit hours (includes ESOL and developmental studies credit) at one of the Lone Star College System (LSCS) campus locations by the time applications are due.
- 2) Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher by the time applications are due, maintaining a 2.5 GPA up to the date of Study Abroad Program participation.
- 3) Must have College-level standing in reading and writing at the time of application. Prerequisites for math are required at the time of application if applicable.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Demonstrate financial need. U.S. students must complete a FAFSA application to be eligible. Non-U.S. students must provide a completed tax application form from their home country to confirm eligibility.

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 one of two deadlines: 1) the second Monday in November OR 2) the first Monday of February 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 _____

