

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS

Eligibility: degree-seeking College of Charleston undergraduate or graduate students participating in a College of Charleston-sponsored or College of Charleston-approved study abroad program for academic credit. Preference will be given to students on College of Charleston semester, summer and bilateral programs. Note: to qualify for the semester scholarship, students must spend entire semester abroad (\$500 maximum award for semester programs on campus with a travel component)

Scholarship Amount: Semester-long programs: \$500 - \$2000
Summer programs: up to \$500 - \$1,500.00

Minimum requirements:

- Personal statement (2-pages, doubled-spaced)
- Demonstrated financial need (must have completed, current FAFSA on file at Financial Aid) or clearly defined extenuating financial situation;
- Successful completion of at least 12 undergraduate or 6 graduate credit hours at the College of Charleston at the time of application;
- 2.5 minimum GPA (3.2 minimum GPA for graduate students) at time of application;
- Ranking and brief statement submitted via the online faculty recommendation form from two current faculty members

Selection criteria: Awards are determined by ALL of the following:

- Quality of the personal statement (submitted online)
 - nature of program; relevance to major/minor and value of program to overall academic experience and professional development (10 points)
 - Explanation of financial need (need-based grants, loan, etc supported by FAFSA on file) and/or extenuating financial situation (10 points)
 - Explanation of how money/award will be used (5 points)
- Academic merit: hours completed at College of Charleston and GPA (10 points)
- Faculty recommendation letters addressing student's academic work in their class(es) and potential for success in study abroad (submitted online) – (5 points)
- College of Charleston semester, summer, bilateral program? (5 points)

How to apply:

- **ALL applications MUST be submitted online**
- **Visit the CIE study abroad scholarship webpage:**
<http://international.cofc.edu/study-abroad/scholarships.php>
- **Click on the appropriate Study Abroad Scholarship Application and follow the instructions to submit. NOTE: THE FORM IS BEST ACCESSED ON MOZILLA FIREFOX, SAFARI OR GOOGLE CHROME BROWSERS**
- **Students will need to provide their faculty recommenders with their name, CofC ID number, and CofC email address in order for the faculty member to complete the recommendation on their behalf**

Additional information: For more information about this scholarship and application procedure, contact the Center for International Education (843-953-7661).