



2010 COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

DESCRIPTION

The CLA Study Abroad Scholarship is to support students at member institutions who want to participate in a study abroad program. The scholarship is open to any student who meets eligibility requirements and is presently attending a CLA college or university. A CLA college or university is one where a member of the College Language Association is presently employed or is a retiree.

Each application must be verified and signed by a faculty sponsor who is a current financial member of the College Language Association. Applications must be received by **5 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010** by:

Dr. Marveta Ryan-Sams
Chair, CLA Study Abroad Scholarship Committee
465 Sutton Hall, 1011 South Drive
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana, PA 15705

ELIGIBILITY

Each candidate must exemplify high academic achievement and a desire to enhance his or her understanding and proficiency of the target language.

The candidate must have:

- a. already completed** (by the date of application) at least 6 credits of college-level study of the language of the country where the study abroad will take place
- b.** an overall GPA in the 3.0/4.0 in courses of that language
- c.** an overall GPA of at least 2.5/4.0

(See application requirements on next page.)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The application must include 6 collated and stapled or paper-clipped packets (one original and 5 copies), each of which includes:

- a. a completed application form
- b. a letter of acceptance into an accredited study abroad program where a student will participate during summer 2010, fall 2010, or winter or spring 2011.
- c. a transcript (one must be official; copies may be unofficial transcripts)
- d. an essay of 450-500 words, explaining *the importance of study abroad, the role of a foreign language in his or her career, and the future of foreign languages in the 21st century*. *Each applicant must also explain why he or she merits such an award*. The essay must be typed, double spaced, on 8.5 x 11-inch white paper.
- e. three completed reference forms from each of the following persons:
 1. an instructor of the language of the study abroad location
 2. one who can speak on the applicant's character, i.e., a community leader, an advisor, a minister, etc.
 3. a teacher/professor other than a language teacher

The application should also include

- a. one copy of the application checklist
- b. one self-addressed stamped postcard (by which applicants will be notified of receipt of application).

NOTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

****Recipients of the award will be notified by telephone no later than *March 19, 2010*.

*****Awards will be announced at the annual College Language Association Banquet on Friday, April 9, 2010. This event will take place at the Marriott New York at the Brooklyn Bridge, in Brooklyn, New York. Winners are not required to be present, but faculty sponsors are encouraged to attend.*

Winners will be published in the summer or fall issue of the CLA Journal.