

Education Abroad Scholarships



Columbus State offers a number of merit-based competitive scholarships to eligible study abroad participants. CSU students enjoy access to a wide pool of funds thanks to generous donors throughout the community. For assistance with writing your scholarship essay, you can make an appointment with a writing tutor at the Academic Center for Tutoring by calling [706-507-8646](tel:706-507-8646), visiting the office in Schwob Library (main campus), or clicking [Academic Center for Tutoring](#).

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled in a CSU approved credit-bearing study abroad program
- Must be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program at Columbus State University (no transient or dual-enrolled students are allowed to apply)
- *Must complete 5 hours of service at the Center for Global Engagement within one year of return from your study abroad program if you accept a scholarship!

Academic criteria

- Must be in good academic standing
 - Enrolled full time, 12-credit hours, at the time of review (unless a senior taking fewer credits their last semester at CSU)
 - Minimum 2.75 GPA
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Education Abroad Scholarship Application Process

A complete application should include the following. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or considered for funding. A complete application will be reviewed by the faculty committee, but it does not guarantee the distribution of funds.

A Statement of Purpose and Need (see description below)

This is a well-composed essay between 500 and 900 words that explains in detail how studying abroad will impact you academically, professionally, and personally AND why you should be awarded financial assistance. Please know that saying "you need money to study abroad" is not enough; instead, your primary goal is to help the review committee understand why you do.

Faculty/Staff Recommendation

A faculty member of your choice will need to complete the online faculty recommendation form. It is up to the faculty/staff's discretion if they will support your application; you might want to consider asking multiple people to complete the recommendation. Ask a professor who knows you well enough to comment on why you should be awarded funding. Please be sure to send them the link to the recommendation form along with the due date for submission.

Application Review

Scholarship Applications

- [Spring/Spring Break Application](#)
- [Summer Application](#)

Faculty Recommendation Form

- [Spring/Spring Break Recommendation](#)
 - [Summer Recommendation](#)
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Education Abroad Scholarship Deadline 2025-26

Program	Deadline
Spring and Spring Break Programs 2026	October 17
Summer 2026 Programs	March 6

Available Scholarship Funds

Submit only one scholarship application for consideration of all of the below scholarships.

- When you apply for study abroad scholarships at the Center for Global Engagement, the funding comes from the below sources (with the exception of the Towers Scholar Award which is for Honors Program students only).
- Some donors require you to write a letter detailing your experience upon return or even meet them in person. If you're selected for any that have this requirement, you will be notified via email prior to your accepting the award.
- You will only submit 1 Statement of Purpose & Need and request one Faculty Recommendation in order to be considered for the below awards.

John and Lynne Phillips Scholarship

Program requirements:

- Study abroad for all locations

Student requirements:

- Full-time CSU students
- Undergraduate or graduate
- Good academic standing

Preference given to students who attended Jordan High School, if selected the student is required to meet with the donors

Award amount: \$500-\$1,000, depending on the length of program, number of applicants and available funding

Katherine and LeGrand Elebash Scholarship

Program requirements:

- Study abroad for all locations

Student requirements:

- Full-time CSU students
- Undergraduate or graduate
- Good academic standing

Award amount: \$500-\$1,000, depending on the length of program, number of applicants and available funding

Kidd-Bagley Fund Scholarship

Program requirements:

- Study abroad for all locations

Student requirements:

- Full-time CSU students
- Undergraduate or graduate
- Good academic standing

Award amount: \$500-\$1,000, depending on the length of program, number of applicants and available funding

Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Scholarship

Program requirements:

- Study abroad or exchange anywhere in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and Africa

Student requirements:

- Full-time CSU students
- Undergraduate or graduate
- Good academic standing

Award amount: \$500-\$1,000, depending on the length of program, number of applicants and available funding

Nakai Fund for Asian Studies Scholarship

Program requirements:

- Study abroad for all locations in Asia

Student requirements:

- Full-time CSU students
- Undergraduate or graduate
- Good academic standing

Award amount: \$500-\$1,000, depending on the length of program, number of applicants and available funding

Spencer Scholarship

Program requirements:

- CSU in Oxford Visiting Student Program

Student requirements:

- CSU in Oxford Visiting Student in good academic standing
- Award amount: Up to \$12,000 to cover additional tuition at Oxford University

Towers Scholar Award (Honors only)

Program requirements:

- Must be a CSU Towers Scholar recipient (contact Dr. Cindy Ticknor with the Honors College to check eligibility).

Student requirements:

- Student must have 60 or more hours completed
- Award amount: Up to \$3,200

NOTE: a separate online application form is required to request this funding, which is available from the Honors College only.

- [Tower Scholars' Education Abroad Award Application](#)