

FAU study abroad scholarship application information

The FAU study abroad scholarship was created to assist students with the funding of their study abroad program experience. Ten scholarships in the amount of \$500 each are awarded for the summer 2009 semester abroad programs. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each are awarded for the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semester abroad programs. Students may only receive the FAU Study Abroad Scholarship one time.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

In order to be eligible for the FAU study abroad scholarship, students must meet the following:

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5
- Be a FAU degree-seeking student
- Submitted a completed FAU study abroad application to your study abroad advisor
- Summer programs must be 3 weeks or longer / fall/spring program must be 10 weeks or longer.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE & CHECKLIST:

Your FAU study abroad scholarship application must include the following:

- Completed FAU study abroad scholarship application form.
- A one page, single- spaced (12 pt font) typed personal statement detailing how the study abroad program supports your academic, professional, and personal goals and your need for financial support.
- A one page, single- spaced (12 pt font) typed service requirement proposal (see below)
- Your name & study abroad program should be placed at the top right corner of your statement & proposal.
- Provide THREE copies of your application, proposals, and transcript(s), with the original (4 total).
- One unofficial transcript from the most recent semester, if you have less than 12 FAU credit hours, please include official transcript(s) from previous institution(s).
- Application and supporting documents must be submitted as one packet. Do not staple documents together.

SERVICE REQUIREMENT:

All award recipients are required to fulfill 10 service hours to the Office of International Programs within the fall or spring semester following the return from studying abroad. If you are studying abroad during your last semester at FAU, this requirement must be fulfilled prior to your departure abroad. In the past students have written guidebooks, created flyers, held info sessions, conducted class visits, and developed marketing schemes. The possibilities are endless and we encourage you to be creative! Each student should include a one page, single-spaced (12 pt font) typed service requirement proposal detailing what you would like to do to fulfill the 10 hours.

DEADLINE/SUBMISSION:

All scholarship applications and supporting documents must be submitted and received by 5:00 pm on the closing date to the Office of International Programs, 777 Glades Road SU 106, Boca Raton, FL 33431. **Faxed applications are not accepted and incomplete applications will not be considered.**

- March 6, 2009 for Summer 2009 programs
- April 10, 2009 for Fall 2009 programs and Academic Year 2009-10 programs
- October 30, 2009 for Spring 2010 programs

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION:

Scholarship applications are reviewed by a panel of FAU Administrators and Deans. OIP staffs are not members of the panel and have no sway over the committee. Students are encouraged to use the personal statement as their opportunity to express their goals and financial needs. Although GPA and financial need are important, a well-written statement reflects not only your thoughts but also represents your ability to communicate and organizational skills. Scholarship award notifications will be sent electronically, via your FAU email, within a few weeks after the application deadline.

