

ROBERT ELLER SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD

-A Grant Program of the Cedar Falls Community Foundation



PURPOSE

The Robert Eller Scholarship has been established to foster the educational, professional, and personal growth of one or more undergraduate students attending the University of Northern Iowa by providing scholarship funds to assist with the cost of a semester or year of study outside the U.S. for a student whose previous travel and study experiences abroad have been limited.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Iowa residency (Iowa birth or three years of Iowa residency)
- Full-time enrollment at UNI in a degree-granting program with a minimum of 2.75 GPA
- All applicants must have at least 30 undergraduate hours completed at UNI and must have at least one semester of study at UNI remaining after program abroad
- Minimal previous independent travel abroad

Desired Qualification:

- Completion of UNI's foreign language graduation requirement before the initiation of, or during, the program abroad
- *Note:* Participants of non-UNI programs, not-for-credit programs or UNI programs not sponsored by the UNI Study Abroad Center are ineligible for this scholarship.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Submit the following documents to the **Study Abroad Center, 103 East Bartlett, attention: Stephanie Rojas**

1. **Application Form**
2. **Essay** detailing the anticipated educational, professional, and personal growth benefits of participation in the program. Limit the essay to 300 words.
3. **Resume** including service and leadership activities, previous travel experience, association with persons from other countries, and foreign language study. Limit the resume to 2 pages.
4. **Detailed information on your proposed program abroad, estimated costs, and academic credits to be earned** (two-page limit)
5. **Sources and amounts of funding currently for studies at UNI and anticipated for period abroad**
6. **Copy of grade audit (unofficial transcript)**
7. **Two letters of recommendation**, one from a UNI faculty member and one from outside the university

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated on the quality of the proposal, including but not limited to the quality of writing evidenced in the essay; the letters of recommendation; the student's readiness for the proposed program; and demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students who fulfill the application requirements and procedures and have little or no previous travel experience outside the United States. The Scholarship Committee will interview finalist(s) and select recipient(s).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- Photograph and Permission for Publicity. Once the recipient accepts the scholarship, they must furnish a "head shot" photograph and give written permission for the Cedar Falls Community Foundation to include their photograph and information from their application in Foundation publicity materials.
- Report. A written summary discussing the academic and personal benefits of program participation must be submitted to the Study Abroad Center within 30 days of return to the U.S. Additionally, recipients must send letters or postcards to Mr. Eller's family while abroad (1-2 per semester and the address will be provided upon receipt of the scholarship).
- Presentations. The scholarship recipient will be expected to attend a UNI Emeritus Association luncheon and discuss their study abroad experience. Additionally, recipients are expected to share with other UNI students.

Application Deadline

- For spring semester programs: The last working day of October.
- For fall and academic-year programs: The last working day of March.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING LEVEL

Award amount(s) will be approximately \$5,000 per recipient. The number of scholarships awarded will vary.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Email Address: _____

Hometown: _____

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Non-degree/Transient

Major 1) _____ 2) _____ Minor _____ Certificate _____

Cumulative G.P.A.: _____ Anticipated Graduation (Mo/Yr) ____/____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of Program Abroad: _____

City/Country: _____

Duration: Semester Year Beginning & Ending Dates: _____ - _____ Year _____

REFERENCES

List two persons from whom you requested letters of recommendation to be sent directly to the Study Abroad Center.

Name _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

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PLEASE REMEMBER: Your completed application packet should include the following: Application Form, Essay, Resume, Program Information, Current and Anticipated Funding, and Most Recent Transcript.

Please upload a "headshot" photo with this application (.jpg format, please).

The information above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to the Cedar Falls Community Foundation to include information about me receiving this award in their publications.

Signature _____ Date: _____