

STUDY-ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The International Intercultural Education Study-Abroad Program will provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to support qualified students who wish to participate in a MCCC Study-Abroad Program. The SMCC International/Intercultural Study-Abroad Student Program (IISASP) provides up to six awards yearly of approximately \$500 - \$1,000 (depending on number of applicants and available funds) to students selected to participate in a MCCC Study-Abroad program.

SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS to Maria Miquirray, International/Intercultural Services Office, Art Building AR 502 by February 26, 2017

How do I apply for a Study Abroad Scholarship?

To apply for a Study-Abroad Scholarship follow these steps

1. Determine your program (look Online OR visit the SMCC International/Intercultural Office)
2. Apply to the Study Abroad program you choose; most programs originate from Mesa Community College or Glendale Community College (this is a different application procedure). Once you are accepted, you will receive a letter from that particular program confirming your acceptance. THEN:
3. Fill out the SMCC scholarship application and make a personal budget plan.
4. Gather and submit additional required materials (see below).
5. Complete the application process by **February 26, 2017**

How do I qualify for a Study Abroad scholarship?

In order to qualify for an SMCC Study Abroad scholarship, a student must meet the following:

- Be enrolled in South Mountain Community College during the Spring 2016 semester as an Arizona resident.
- Have earned a GPA at South Mountain Community College of at least 2.5 with 6 credit hours (transcripts requested, see below)
- Plan to take the Maricopa Study Abroad courses for a grade.

What do I need to submit for a Study Abroad Scholarship?

- One copy of your official SMCC college transcripts, showing current enrollment at South Mountain Community College for a minimum 6 credits and a 2.5 overall GPA (unofficial transcripts are UNACCEPTABLE).
- A completed application
- Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from one of a past/ present SMCC instructor. Letters of recommendation may NOT be from classmates or fellow students.

- A short essay relating any past experiences with personal travel, Study Abroad and/or any other international and/or intercultural contact you have had (MINIMUM 15 SENTENCES)
The essay should address the following questions:
 - Why do you want to participate in this program? (include reasons)
 - What do you hope to gain from this program? (include outcomes)
 - How will this program assist you with your educational and/or professional goals?
 - How will you share this experience with other students at South Mountain Community College?

In your essay, you can also include:

- a description of any honors, special recognition, scholarships/awards you have received.
- a description of community, high school, college, and volunteer service.

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:

- A Statement of Financial Need which explains your financial circumstances and how the support program will benefit you.
 - Explain CLEARLY and FULLY your financial circumstances
 - Explain CLEARLY how the support program will benefit you.

A budget which explains your financial circumstances (see budget chart)



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