

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 all of the following qualifications:

- Iowa residency (Iowa birth or three years of Iowa residency)
- Full-time, undergraduate enrollment at UNI in a degree-granting program with a minimum of 2.75 cumulative GPA
- Have at least 30 undergraduate hours completed at UNI and 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: Charity Eckhardt**

1. **Application Form**
2. **Resume** (two-page limit) including service and leadership activities, any previous international travel experience (list of countries visited and time frames of travel), association with persons from other countries, and foreign language study.
3. **Essay** (300-word limit) detailing the anticipated educational, professional, and personal growth benefits of participation in the program. Include a description of previous international travel listed on resume with details regarding the purpose (for example, travel with family or part of a school trip).
4. **Detailed information on your proposed program abroad, estimated costs, and academic credits to be earned** (two-page limit)

5. **“Financial Award Summary” or “Term Award Detail”** from Student Center within MyUniverse plus a short statement describing how you intend on covering any anticipated shortfall in funding
6. **Transcript with signature of the Registrar** (not a degree audit)
7. **Two letters of recommendation**, one from a UNI faculty member (not staff) and one from outside the university. Each letter should support your pursuit of study abroad through specific details and examples.

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

- **Permission for Publicity.** Once the recipient accepts the scholarship, they must give written permission for the Cedar Falls Community Foundation to include their information from their application in Foundation publicity materials.
- **Communication While Abroad.** 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).
- **Report Upon Return.** A written summary discussing the academic and personal benefits of program participation must be submitted to the Cedar Falls Community Foundation within 30 days of return to the U.S.
- **Panel Participation Upon Return.** Recipients are expected to share their experiences with other UNI students. The scholarship recipient will be expected to participate in a past participant panel hosted by the UNI Study Abroad Center in the semester following their study abroad experience.

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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Please be sure to read the scholarship information, including eligibility, application requirements and procedures, and evaluation criteria prior to completing the following fields.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Email Address _____ Hometown _____

Classification: Freshman (less than 30 credit hours) Sophomore (30 – 59 credit hours) Junior (60 – 89 credit hours) Senior (90 credit hours +)

Major(s) 1) _____ 2) _____

Minor _____ Certificate _____

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

Travel Experience (if none, write n/a): _____

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. Note, one letter must be from a UNI faculty member and one letter must be from outside the university.

Name _____ Title _____ Email address _____

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PLEASE REMEMBER: Your completed application packet should include the following: Application Form, Essay, Resume, Program Information, "Financial Award Summary" or "Term Award Detail" from Student Center within MyUniverse plus statement describing how you intend on covering any anticipated shortfall in funding, and Most Recent Transcript with Signature from the Registrar. The 2 letters of recommendation can be emailed directly to the Study Abroad Center at study-abroad@uni.edu or delivered with your application packet.

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 _____