

A101 Guide to Applying for Scholarships to Study Abroad

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- Most Scholarships will require an essay of some sort—write what you know. You are passionate about creating theater and sharing that with people. Use your passion to help craft a strong essay.
- Let people read it. Get feedback; write several drafts. Utilize the Writing Center at Pace.
- Look for scholarships that want to support *you* for *you*. There are many scholarships and awards out there supporting excellence in minority groups, LGBTQIA students, children of veterans etc.
- Cast a wide net by applying to multiple funding sources. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
- Look beyond scholarships for students. There's a lot of money out there for *young artists* too.
- THIS IS HARDWORK! Some students make great efforts when applying for grant money, whereas others do not submit a single scholarship application. Remember that people *want* to give you this money. Thousands of dollars a year don't get awarded because people don't apply for it, BUT you must fill out the applications to the best of your ability if you want to be eligible!
- The lists below are extensive (although not exhaustive). It takes time and effort to find the right scholarships for which to apply.

EXTERNAL FUNDING RESOURCES

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships

Description:	Open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are Federal Pell Grant recipients and plan to study/intern abroad, and CCU has a mentoring process for interested students. The program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study and intern abroad and the countries and regions where they go by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.
Deadline:	Deadlines vary by term. Please consult website.
Website:	www.iie.org/gilman

Diversity Abroad Scholarships

Description:	The mission of Diversity Abroad is to ensure that students from diverse economic, educational, ethnic and social backgrounds are aware, have equal access and take advantage of the benefits and opportunities afforded through global education exchanges. Review this listing of multiple scholarships across a wide spectrum of program area and disciplines of study featuring some awards focused on students with documented disabilities, students who are economically challenged, students from diverse backgrounds, and students from underrepresented disciplines of study.
Deadline:	Deadlines vary. Please consult website.

Website:	https://www.diversityabroad.com/scholarships/diversity-abroad/diversity-abroad-overseas-ambassador-scholarship
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Foundation for Global Scholars

Description:	The Foundation for Global Scholars enables college students to study abroad and gain international understanding and perspective, without regard to financial ability. The Foundation states, "We believe the skills, relationships and personal discovery gained through study abroad (as opposed to simply travelling in another country) have a tangible, positive impact on future careers and contribute to our nation's vitality in a fast-changing global marketplace."
Deadlines:	Deadlines vary by program duration and start date. Please consult website.
Website:	http://www.fgscholars.org/

Hagan Scholarships

Description:	Scholarships for driven students from U.S. counties with population less than 50,000. Was your high school within an approved county? Hint: If you graduated high school in South Carolina, you might be eligible if you were in Abbeville County, Barnwell County, Clarendon County, Dillon County, or Marion County!
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Deadline:	Deadlines vary. Please consult website.
Website:	https://haganscholarships.org/

Institute for International Education Scholarship Funding

Description:	This resource features detailed descriptions of hundreds of education abroad scholarships, fellowships, grants, and paid internships for U.S. undergraduate, graduate students, and post-graduate students, and professionals.
Deadlines:	Deadlines vary by program duration and start date. Please consult website.
Website:	http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/

International Education Financial Aid

Description:	This resource lists scholarships available to education abroad students. Search by major, destination of study, your home institution's location, and more! Find grants, scholarships, fellowship, and loan programs available to support your dreams.
Deadlines:	Deadlines vary. Please consult website.

Website:	http://www.iefaf.org/scholarships
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Fund for Education Abroad

Description:	The Fund for Education Abroad (FEA) invests in promising students with financial need who wish to study abroad. Potential applicants who meet our eligibility requirements may participate on any international education program that meets their academic objectives. One online application leads to many opportunities. As an applicant to FEA, you are considered for all of the below scholarships you meet the criteria for, along with the FEA General Scholarships.
Deadlines:	See website
Website:	https://fundforeducationabroad.org/about/

Rainbow Scholarships

Description:	Awards for deserving LGBTQI students who aim to participate in high-quality, rigorous education abroad programs. This scholarship is made possible by the support of international education professionals who are committed to advocating on behalf of LGBTQI students.
Deadlines:	Deadlines vary. Please consult website.

Website:	https://fundforeducationabroad.org/rainbow-scholarship/
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Rotary Travel Grant

Description:	District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. Humanitarian projects, including service travel and disaster recovery efforts • Scholarships for any level, length of time, location, or area of study • Youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotaract, and Interact • Vocational training teams, which are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about their field or to learn more about it themselves You have plenty of freedom to customize your service projects. Refer to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and Global Grants for information about district grant requirements
Deadlines:	See website
Website:	https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/grant-travel

Educational Theatre Association (EdTA)

Description:	The Educational Theatre Association offers a variety of options to recognize student achievement through its scholarship opportunities. The 2020-2021 cycle is now open. The Melba Day Henning Scholarship is a \$3,000 one-time scholarship intended to be awarded to an undergraduate student currently enrolled full-time in theatre education study at an accredited college or university who are upcoming juniors or seniors.
Deadlines:	April 1
Website:	https://www.schooltheatre.org/programs/ags/scholarships

Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship

Description:	The Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship is awarded biannually to passionate students who want to explore the world. The winner of the Tortuga Study Abroad Scholarship will receive: • \$1,000 scholarship for studying abroad • 1 travel backpack The scholarship may be used for tuition, room and board, books, or travel. Funds will be sent directly to the winner's study abroad program or university. In cases where this is not possible, alternative arrangements will be made.
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Deadlines:	tba -check in with: https://www.tortugabackpacks.com/pages/contact
Website:	https://www.tortugabackpacks.com/pages/study-abroad-scholarship

Against the Grain Artistic Scholarship

Description:	\$1000 no essay. The Against The Grain Artistic Scholarship provides financial assistance and promotion of Asian-American college students pursuing a major in the performing, visual arts, journalism and/or mass communications. Applicants must be a US citizen, national or permanent legal resident who is of at least 25% Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity, and be either a high school senior or a college student currently enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. vocational, junior college, or four-year college/university and must be a full-time, degree-seeking student by the upcoming academic calendar year and pursuing a major in the visual/performing arts (film, theatre, fashion, photography, graphic design, dance, music, journalism, mass communications, etc.
Deadline:	Check website
Website:	https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/theatre-scholarships/against-the-grain-artistic-scholarship/

youngARTS Scholarship

Description:	For many young people, applying to YoungArts may be the first step in affirming “I am an artist.” YoungArts is one of the only organizations in the U.S. that supports artists across 10 disciplines at all stages of development, beginning with the critical moment when they decide to pursue a life in the arts, and continuing throughout their careers. See Microgrants for travel
Deadline:	See site
Website:	https://youngarts.org/apply/

Lerna Study Abroad

Description:	A study abroad experience is a life changing one. By immersing yourself in a foreign culture, you learn new and different ways of living. You return home a little more knowledgeable and wiser than before. \$2000
Deadline:	Nov. 1 2022
Website:	https://lerna.courses/study-abroad-awarded/

Corinne Jeannine Schillings

Description:	\$1000. The Foundation supports undergraduate college/university Silver or Gold Award Girl Scouts who plan to study abroad, irrespective of major/minor. It is not necessary to be a <i>Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language</i> recipient to apply for this one time <i>Scholarship to Study Abroad</i>, nor are <i>Scholarship to Study a Foreign Language</i>
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	recipients excluded from applying. The <i>Scholarship to Study Abroad</i> provides \$1,000 directly to the awardee upon verification that they have begun their study abroad experience.
Deadline:	See site
Website:	https://cjsfoundation.org/

Miscellaneous Scholarships:

Point Foundation Scholarship

Description:	Point Foundation empowers promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society.
Website:	https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships/flagship
	Point Foundation is proud to announce its new BIPOC scholarship initiative.
Deadline:	January 26th 2022
Website:	https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships/bipoc

Reducetarian Fellowship

Description:	Reducetarian Fellowship is a brand new program for exceptional New York City-based undergraduate students who are eager to create a more sustainable, healthy, and compassionate world. The one-year experience includes both a curricular component as well as a summer internship with one of many
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	exciting and impactful partner organizations . Each fellow receives a \$7,500 stipend to support their participation in the program and one-on-one mentorship throughout the year.
Deadline:	April 15, 2022
Website:	https://www.reducetarian.org/

Additional Scholarship Resources:

There is a lot of money out there for undergraduate students and every year a lot of it goes unclaimed. These databases allow you to search for scholarships specifically tailored to your needs. The more specific you get, the more likely you are to find a scholarship that few people have applied to. The requirements and applications for many scholarships vary as well. Not all of them require essays. Sometimes they even function as a game!

Performing Arts Scholarships Databases:

<https://www.performingartsabroad.com/financing/scholarships-and-discounts/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-major/theatre-scholarships/>

Education Abroad Scholarships Databases:

Study Abroad USA - New site offering links to a range of scholarship programs for undergraduate and graduate students who want to participate in education abroad.

<https://www.diversityabroad.com/scholarships>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/-s/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search.aspx>

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships>

<https://www.iie.org/Programs/Generation-Study-Aboard/Funding>

Massive Database of Scholarships:

- The Foundation Center - accessed for free at a number of libraries in NYC including the Foundation Center Library around the corner at 32 Old Slip, New York, NY 10005. This website shows where you can access the database:

https://grantspace.org/fin-locations/?fin_zip=11210

- <https://bold.org/scholarships/>
- www.petersons.com
- www.niche.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.unigo.com

Another Route... Fundraising:

Fundraising is another route to take. Here is a website that specifically helps performing arts students crowdsource for travel abroad.

<https://www.fundmytravel.com/partner/Performing-Arts-Abroad>