

ROBERT ELLER SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

PURPOSE

The Robert Eller Scholarship has been established to foster the educational, professional, and personal growth of an undergraduate student at the University of Northern Iowa by providing funds for a semester or a year of study outside the U.S. to 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 3.00 GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- At least sophomore status and no less than one semester of study at UNI after the program abroad
- Completion of UNI's foreign language graduation requirement before the initiation of the program abroad

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Submit the **original and six copies** of the following documents:

1. **Application Form**
2. **Essay** detailing the anticipated educational and professional benefits of participation in the program
3. **Resume** including service and leadership activities, previous travel experience, association with persons from other countries, and foreign language study
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. **Most recent academic transcript**

In addition, please make arrangements to have **two letters of recommendation**, one from a UNI faculty member and one from outside the university, **sent directly to the Study Abroad Center**.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated on the quality of the proposal, the student's readiness for the proposed program, and demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students with little or no previous travel, study, or residence in a foreign country. The Scholarship Committee will interview three finalists and select the recipient and an alternate.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- **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. The final 5% of scholarship payment will be made at that time.
- **Presentations.** The scholarship recipient will be expected to make presentations about his/her study abroad experience to other students at UNI.

TIMETABLE

Scholarship competition will be conducted once a year. Students are strongly advised to begin planning as soon as possible since study abroad programs usually require arrangements in advance.

Application Deadline: October 30. The scholarship recipient will be notified by November 15.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING LEVEL

One \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded each year to the most qualified applicant.

Please return your completed application to:
Robert Eller Scholarship Committee, Study Abroad Center, Office of International Programs
University of Northern Iowa, 59 Baker Hall, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0520

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Last First Middle E-mail

Current/Local Address _____
 Street City State Zip Telephone #

Permanent Address _____
 Street City State Zip Telephone #

UNI ID: _____ SSN: _____ Gender: Male Female

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

Major 1) _____ 2) _____ Minor _____ Certificate _____

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

Country of Citizenship: U.S. Other (please specify) _____

Predominant Racial/Ethnic Group (Optional):

Native American/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander Black/Non-Hispanic
 White/Non-Hispanic Hispanic/Latino

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Name of Program Abroad: _____ City/Country: _____

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

Sponsoring Institution: UNI Other _____ Overseas Institution (if applicable): _____

Transcript Issuing Institution: _____ Number of credits you will take: _____

REFERENCES

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

Name _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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The information above is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date: _____

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Your completed application packet should include an original and 6 copies of the following:

- 1) Application Form, (2) Essay, (3) Resume, (4) Program Information, (5) Current and Anticipated Funding, and (6) Most Recent Transcript.

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