

Study Abroad Scholarship Eligibility and Requirements

Eligibility for all awards:

1. Students should have and maintain a minimum 2.5 overall GPA however, some scholarships will have a higher GPA requirement. (Beall 2.75)
2. Students must be in good academic, financial and disciplinary standing.
3. Students must be accepted to a study abroad program approved by the Director of Experiential Learning prior to funds being dispersed.
4. For need-based scholarships, students must have demonstrated financial need. The Financial Aid Office will confirm financial eligibility.

Instructions to Apply:

1. Complete attached application form.
2. Submit a statement of purpose essay explaining your reasons for wanting to study abroad as noted below. Additionally, see scholarship descriptions for special considerations associated with each award and take care to tailor your essay if you feel a specific scholarship(s) suits you. (Essay should not exceed two pages, typed.)
Please address the following in your statement of purpose:
 - What initially inspired you to want to study abroad in this particular country?
 - What impact will this study abroad program, experiential learning opportunity (if applicable) and receiving a scholarship have on your academic and professional goals?
 - How does this study abroad opportunity support a liberal arts education?
 - What do you expect to gain from the experience?
 - If you would like to be considered for the Beall Scholarship be sure to include detailed information about your experiential learning component while abroad.
 - If you would like to be considered for the Kiddy Scholarship be sure to include information about your language component abroad and prior language courses on campus.
3. Arrange for one faculty letter of recommendation to be submitted directly to the Director of Experiential Learning via campus mail or email (kjusteson@albright.edu). The letter should address the applicant's:
 - Motivation and seriousness of purpose
 - Academic suitability for study abroad
 - Emotional stability and maturity
 - Self-reliance and independence
4. Attach a copy of your most recent Financial Aid Award Letter from the Financial Aid Office.

Upon Return to Campus:

1. After returning from abroad, scholarship recipients will:
 - Provide the ELDC and/or academic department with at least two photos, along with descriptions taken during the period abroad.
 - Write a thank you letter to the donor for providing the scholarship.
 - Make a campus presentation on your study abroad experience or speak with students at the Experiential Learning Expo, Study Abroad Fair, Study Abroad 101 or similar event to help promote study abroad in conjunction with the ELDC and/or your academic department.

Important Information:

1. Scholarship funds will only be used for the study abroad program identified on the application (unless official change is approved through the ELDC.)
2. If for any reason the intended program is not completed, the student will return all of the scholarship funds to Albright College.