



Beyond Boundaries Award Application

Student Name: _____ SSN: XXX-XX-_____

Program Provider: USC Other: _____

Program Location: City _____ Country: _____

Host Institution: _____ Program Dates: _____

Total Program Fee (include tuition, room, board, and airfare): _____

Class Standing: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior GPA: _____

Are you a Gamecock Guarantee Student? (please choose one): Yes No Prefer not to Answer

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered for a Beyond Boundaries Award, an applicant must:

- Be in the process of applying or have already applied to an approved Maymester/summer study abroad program (proof of acceptance must be provided to the Study Abroad Office before funds are released).
- Be a full-time, undergraduate, degree-seeking USC-Columbia student
- Be earning at least 3 credits for his/her study abroad experience
- Be in good academic standing
- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit completed application materials to the Study Abroad Office by the posted deadline. **A complete application includes: Beyond Boundaries Award application, Academic Reference Form, Financial Aid Award Letter, and an unofficial USC transcript (printed from VIP).**

DIRECTIONS

The following documents must be completed and returned to the Study Abroad Office by the posted deadline. Late, incomplete or handwritten applications will not be considered. Visit the Study Abroad Office website (www.studyabroad.sc.edu) for deadlines and to access the forms below.

- Beyond Boundaries Award Application
- Academic Reference Form
- Financial Aid Award Letter
- Unofficial USC Transcript

Please carefully read the instructions below. Responses are to be typed, grammatically correct, thorough and well organized. Your application will be evaluated based on the quality of your Statement of Purpose, your academic reference, your level of financial need, and your academic standing. Indicators of financial need may include federal and state need-based grants and loans, as well as extenuating financial circumstances reflected in your statement of purpose. Special consideration is given to students who meet one or more of the criteria for students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad, but all eligible students are encouraged to apply. **Late, incomplete, and handwritten applications will not be considered.**

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To Be Completed by Applicant

Statement of Purpose

Please write and attach an essay of 500-1,000 words outlining your purpose and goals for study abroad.

When writing your Statement of Purpose, you should address the following questions:

- What factors led to your choice of country/program? What is motivating you to study abroad?
- What impact will this study abroad program have on your academic goals? How will this study abroad program benefit your future career and professional goals?
- What are your personal goals for studying abroad? What do you hope to gain from this experience?
- How does your current financial situation make you deserving of this scholarship? Why is a scholarship necessary in order for you to participate in this program? How will receiving this scholarship impact your study abroad experience?
- How do you represent students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad? Please keep in mind that the term “traditionally underrepresented” includes but is not limited to the following groups:
 - Students with significant financial need
 - Students from diverse ethnic backgrounds
 - Students with disabilities
 - First-generation students (those whose parents have not obtained a college degree)
 - Students in fields of study underrepresented in study abroad (ex. Sciences, Engineering, Math, etc.)
 - Students in the Gamecock Guarantee Program at USC

Follow-on Service Project Requirement

To help expand the impact of the Beyond Boundaries Award and promote study abroad among traditionally underrepresented students, all recipients will be required to participate in a follow-on service project upon their return from abroad. This service requirement may include presentations to student groups or organizations or participation in scheduled study abroad events specifically targeting underrepresented students. Details will be finalized in conjunction with the award recipients at the beginning of the fall semester following the summer during which recipients will have studied abroad.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that failure to satisfactorily complete the study abroad program and the service project requirement described above can result in my scholarship funding being revoked.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

NOTE: The Beyond Boundaries Award application is incomplete if not accompanied by the supporting documents listed above. UNIV 101 instructors **may** complete the faculty recommendation portion of this application (Academic Reference Form).