

## Scholarship Information

The Central America (Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama) Study Abroad program for June/July 2009 has been awarded a grant from the Department of State to fund full and partial scholarships to students that will be attending this program. The scholarship criteria is designed to support relevant expenses for students that can demonstrate a strong interest in this hospitality tourism program offering.

Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis and be evaluated by faculty.

Students are required to submit the following items to be considered for a scholarship. Scholarship packets that are not completed will not be reviewed.

**Scholarship applications need to be submitted by email, mailed or hand delivered to the switchboard at College of the Canyons by midnight March 27 for email and 5 p.m. for hand delivered applications. Late applications will be returned to the sender—unopened.**

### APPLICATION

- 1) Submit a 500 word essay describing
  - a) Why you want to attend the study abroad program
  - b) How will this international experience affect your future career decisions and future academic work.
  - c) Why you deserve the award.
  - d) Please detail your financial need for the scholarship.

This could be a) a statement about the amount of financial aid that you receive; b) any financial hardships due to you being self-supporting; or c) any financial hardships your family has that directly relates to your inability to pay for the program.

- 2) Describe an out-reach project that you will develop to promote study abroad at your home institution or community.

Examples of out-reach projects are a) writing for the student newspaper while abroad; b) writing a narrative on facebook; c) doing campus radio/TV/web presentations; d) visiting college and high school classrooms upon their return home;

e) projects that specifically get the word out about study abroad when they return home; etc.

- 3) Submit your Unofficial Student transcripts.
- 4) Submit two letters of reference one from a faculty member that evaluates your academic efforts and why you would be an excellent ambassador to a foreign country and a personal letter of reference from an employer, community member or clergy
- 5) Determination of financial need:
  - a. Please provide a statement of how you are currently being supported, Include your expenses and income and how much of a scholarship award you would need to travel to Central America.

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