



IFSA Scholarship Application Instructions

The Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) offers scholarships of \$1,500 for semester programs, \$2,500 for year programs and \$500 for summer programs. These scholarships are based on financial need, and a scholarship application is required. Any student studying abroad on an IFSA program may apply for a scholarship, the amount of which is applied toward the recipient's program fee.

Program fees and personal costs vary considerably from university to university and from city to city. Large cities such as London, Dublin, Buenos Aires and Sydney have a high cost of living, and students concerned about finances should be aware that choosing a smaller city might offer considerable savings.

The programs below offer scholarship funding exclusively for IFSA students. Applicants to the IFSA scholarships are automatically considered, unless otherwise indicated.

- [Massey University](#): Awards of **NZ\$1,000** are available for semester or year study
- [Queen Mary, University of London](#) funds a **£1,500 (approximately \$1,800)** stipend for two IFSA International Correspondents, available through the IFSA Work-to-Study Grant. Submit a Work-to-Study application to be considered.
- [University of Auckland](#): Several scholarships are offered each semester exclusively for IFSA students and range from **U.S. \$5,000-\$7,500**. This award covers some of the upfront costs of studying abroad (deposit and airfare, and remaining is given as cash).
- [University of Canterbury](#): Several awards of **NZ\$1,500 to NZ\$2,500** are available each semester. The university also gives "general awards" to select students upon arrival.
- [University of Otago](#): Two housing awards of **NZ\$4,555** are available to IFSA first-generation college students for semester 2 (U.S. fall).

Four additional major IFSA scholarship and financial aid programs require additional application materials:

1. Fill the GAP Matching Funds Scholarship (up to \$1,000). See Page 3.
2. First Generation College Student Scholarship (up to (\$2,500). See Page 3.
3. UpFront Loan Billing Program. See Page 3.
4. Work-to-Study Grant Program (up to \$1,000). See Page 4.

IFSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The scholarship application is separate from the IFSA program application

- The deadlines below apply to all scholarships and financial aid programs, except Fill the GAP (Global Account Program)
- Students who apply by the priority deadline but are not selected will automatically be considered again after the final deadline has passed.
- The scholarship committee cannot consider applications that arrive after the final deadline. Award recipients will be notified in writing approximately one month after the scholarship deadline.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Term	Deadline	
	Priority	Final
Spring/Semester 1/Calendar Year Programs	October 1	November 1
Fall/Semester 2/Academic Year Programs	March 1	April 1
Summer	February 1	April 1

How to Apply to the IFSA Scholarship

Complete the IFSA Scholarship Application in your student portal. You will need to have the following information on hand:

- A copy of your financial aid award package from your home college or university for the **current** semester.
- An understanding of the scholarships, grants and loans you receive.
- Domestic students only (including dual citizens): Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA form, if you have completed a FAFSA. Note: it is important to submit your EFC if you have completed a FAFSA.
- International students only: Annual household income
- One or two brief essays:
 - Briefly describe a situation in which you were given a limited opportunity and how you made the most of it. This could be any type of educational or personal opportunity.
 - Optional need statement: IFSA understands that some financial situations cannot be captured in the information provided above. You have the opportunity here to disclose any additional financial circumstances for consideration with your application. For example, you may choose to disclose any current financial aid that will not applied to your term abroad. (125 word limit)

REPORTING AND CREDITING SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are awarded a scholarship, the award amount will be credited toward the student portion of your bill after you have registered for classes abroad. IFSA scholarships do not cover the program deposit, except for some of the specialized programs described below. IFSA will inform your home university study abroad office of any scholarship awards. **You are also responsible for reporting any awards to your home university financial aid office.** Be aware that receiving an IFSA scholarship may result in changes or reductions to the scholarship and loan funds you received from your home university. Ask your study abroad or financial aid office if such a reduction might affect you.

REPORTING AND CREDITING SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship and financial aid programs are also open to all IFSA program applicants. They may require additional application materials. Students must apply separately by the final application deadline unless otherwise noted:

[Fill the GAP Matching Funds Scholarship](#)

The Fill the GAP (Global Account Program) allows students to begin saving for study abroad as early as their first semester in college. IFSA will match contributions with a scholarship of up to \$1,000 for semester and full-year programs! Match deadlines are earlier than the deadline

for all other IFSA scholarship programs.

Term	Fill the GAP Match Deadline
Spring/Semester 1/Calendar Year	July 1
Fall/Semester 2/Academic Year	January 1

First Generation College Student Scholarship

This \$2,500 merit-based scholarship is for those who are the first in their family to attend college (neither parent has a four-year college degree). It helps reimburse expenses such as airfare, visa and passport fees, and can cover housing and tuition. Preference is given to those who apply by the priority scholarship application deadline (see page 2).

- Requires a resume
- Requires a 500-word essay addressing one of the following two topics:
 - As a first-generation college student, you have undoubtedly gained special skills to help you succeed in the uncharted territory of the U.S. academic system. You'll now need to draw upon many of these proficiencies to help you adjust in a brand new culture and education system. Tell us what skills you will have at your disposal to help you adjust, learn and succeed while you are abroad. What is it that drives and challenges you to continue expanding your comfort zone? How might study abroad, and this program in particular, assist you in achieving your goals?
 - Recreate a dialogue in which you discuss your motivation to study abroad with your family and/or other personal stakeholder. Why do you want to study abroad? What will it help you achieve? What are their hesitations or concerns? How did/will you address those? How will your decision to study abroad affect your family and community in the long run?

UpFront Loan Program (requires promissory note)

The UpFront Loan program allows semester or full-year students on any program to bill the program deposit and/or airfare to their IFSA student account. Students can then pay these expenses later with financial aid or with our monthly payment option.

- Requires a signed promissory note

Work-to-Study Grant Program

This is a project grant for up to \$1,000 for students interested in building their expertise by working on projects while abroad. Strong preference is given to those currently receiving Federal Work Study on their home campus. For available project details, see the link above.

- Requires a resume and letter of interest tailored to the project of interest.
- Some projects require submission of samples of your work.
- Students may apply to multiple projects.

QUESTIONS?

For questions about scholarships, contact your program advisor or our Senior Student Accounts Coordinator Becki Niccum at mspencer@ifsa-butler.org or 317-940-3077.



IFSA Scholarship Application

All programs

Before completing this form, read the Scholarship Application Instructions. Submit this form by uploading a completed copy of the form in the IFSA student portal.

SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Citizenship: _____

Program name: _____

Term of study abroad: Spring 20____ Fall 20____ Year 20____ Summer 20____

Home institution: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Your permanent address: _____
Your address at college _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL PROFILE

Consult your study abroad and financial aid offices before answering the following questions. Additionally, have a copy of your current financial aid award package on hand. For scholarship consideration, it is important to report the following information accurately.

1. I filed for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year.

Yes No

2. **Domestic students only (anyone who qualifies for federal financial aid):** Upon submission of your FAFSA, a Student Aid Report (SAR) was generated. The SAR gives you some basic information about your eligibility for federal student aid. An Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which covers the nine-month academic year, will display in the upper right corner of your SAR. What is your EFC?

\$ _____

OR

International students only: What is your family's annual household income?

\$_____

3. For my current semester I accepted the following financial assistance:

FEDERAL GRANTS

- Federal Pell Grant \$_____
- Federal SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) \$_____
- Federal Work Study Program

INSTITUTIONAL AID

- Scholarships, grants or other funding provided by your home institution (example: college need-based grant, college merit grant, college scholarships, institutional work study) \$_____
- If you were studying abroad this semester, how much of the total of your institutional aid (offered by your home university) would be available to cover study abroad expenses?
- All of my institutional aid would apply to study abroad
- Part of my institutional aid would apply: \$_____
- None of my institutional aid would apply to study abroad

LOANS

- Subsidized Stafford Loan (federal) \$_____
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan (federal) \$_____
- Perkins Loan (federal) \$_____
- Parent Plus Loan \$_____
- Other Loan \$_____

OTHER FUNDING

- Employee (parent benefit) tuition remission \$_____
 - College Savings Plan (529 Plan) \$_____
 - V.A. Military Benefits \$_____
 - Other Scholarship(s) or Grant(s) \$_____
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SECTION 4: UPLOAD CURRENT FINANCIAL AID AWARD REPORT

Email a copy of your financial aid award report for the current semester to Becki Niccum at mspencer@ifsa-butler.org **OR** check the box below. Acceptable formats: pdf, jpeg, png.

I receive no financial aid to report. I acknowledge that financial aid information figures heavily into the scholarship application process.

SECTION 5: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I grant permission to share financial aid, loan and grant information with IFSA for the purpose of this scholarship application. I certify that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. If awarded an IFSA scholarship, I will be asked to accept and acknowledge my award formally, and I will be responsible for reporting all scholarships and grants to my home college or university's financial aid office. Note: Be aware that receipt of a scholarship or grant may result in changes or reduction to your scholarships, grants or loan funds from your home college or university.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Financial aid officer's name: _____

Financial aid officer's telephone number: _____

Financial aid officer's email address: _____