

Marty Thurlby Deweese Study Abroad Fund Guidelines

Objectives

The Marty Thurlby Deweese Study Abroad Fund is based on merit and need and encourages: foreign travel, the study of foreign language, the exploration of other cultures, and understanding of other peoples and an awareness of ourselves as world citizens.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must:

- Be a student or graduate of Fayetteville High School,
- Be studying or have studied a foreign language for a minimum of two years, and
- Demonstrate a desire to travel abroad for education as well as for pleasure.

Available Funds

- The Foundation may or may not award a scholarship in any given year
- Funding may range from \$500 to \$5,000
- Marty Thurlby Deweese Study Abroad Fund may award multiple recipients

Important Dates

- Scholarships Release/Open: February 1
- Scholarship Deadline: March 15
- Award Announcement: April

Submitting Your Application

- **Login and edits:** Log in and create an account to begin your application. Once you access the application, changes and edits can be made. To unlock your application and make changes, log in and click the EDIT button (top right of screen) and you make revisions or additions. Click the SAVE button to save updates.
- **Transcripts:** In the application you will be prompted to provide your student ID number which will act as approval for the Foundation to gain access to your transcript. Once the Foundation has your transcript, we will upload it to your application. You need not take any further action to provide your transcript.
- **Letters of recommendation:** In the application you will be asked to provide the correct contact information, including a valid email, for your teacher(s) providing your letter(s) of recommendation.
 - Once this is completed, you will submit the form. You will see a pop-up confirmation that the recommendation form has been submitted. You will also get a pop-up asking if you are ready to submit your entire application or save changes. If your application is incomplete, simply click SAVE MY WORK.
 - An email will be sent to your contact/teacher. They will complete an online form which is your letter of recommendation.
 - You will not be able to submit your scholarship application until the letter(s) of recommendation are filled out by the teacher. You may continue working on your application while waiting for the letter of recommendation to be submitted.
 - Once the contact/teacher has submitted your letter of recommendation to the Foundation, your application will move from PENDING to RECEIVED and you can submit your application when ready.
- **Submission:** When complete, YOU MUST click SUBMIT on the last page. You will get a notification that your application is complete. Applications needing more attention will receive an email or text notifying of an incomplete application.

The application includes the following questions:

1. Fayetteville High School Graduation Date/Expected Graduation Date
2. Travel Detail/ Planned Destination and Dates of Travel
3. Previous Foreign Travel Experience

4. Foreign Language Studies

5. Work Experience

6. Financial Information (Grants will be awarded based on NEED as well as MERIT).

- Estimated cost of trip planned and amount, if any, you have saved for trip
- Amount parents or a relative will provide for trip
- Amount applied for/secured from other sources
- Amount needed to achieve goal
- Gross annual household income

7. Essay: In 600 words or less, state your objectives for foreign travel, keeping in mind the objectives of the grant.

Examples: Why is travel important to you? To what specific goals does this travel contribute and how? You may include how it fits into your life goals or plans or how it fits into values you hold. Volunteer or service learning experiences, extracurricular activities, and financial need SHOULD be included.

Review Process:

The Marty Thurlby Deweese Study Abroad Board of Directors reviews and awards applications.

- Applications are screened first for compliance
- Once your application is submitted, applicants are notified within one business day that their application has been received. Please let us know after one business day if you did not get an email notification
- Applications will be ranked by a point system; those with the highest scores will be reviewed for funding
- Awarded applicants are notified of the decision by email and mail

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