

Increasing Access- Parent's Fund Travel Scholarship

The "Increasing Access- Parent's Fund Travel Scholarship" is open to George Mason University students participating in the "Ethical Leadership: Lessons from the Holocaust" study abroad program. This scholarship aims to aid in building and sustaining an inclusive community at Mason. An inclusive student community is essential in order to enhance the quality of the intellectual environment for all of our students and faculty. Recipients will be selected after they have officially applied and submitted their deposit for the program. Each applicant is carefully evaluated by the scholarship committee.

Scholarships will be awarded to up to five (5) George Mason University students to assist with their travel and other related expenses. Scholarships are need- and merit-based. Amounts will vary depending on the decision of the scholarship committee, but will be approximately \$1,000 per recipient.

The purpose of these scholarships is to increase student access to participation in this program. This is done by helping to reduce financial barriers that Mason students may encounter and increasing and diversifying participation in study abroad at Mason. This includes students who:

- Demonstrate financial need
- Have not had the opportunity to travel or study abroad previously
- May be first-generation college graduates (neither parent earned a bachelor's degree)
- May have demonstrated motivation to overcome disadvantage or discrimination
- Have the motivation and potential to make a positive contribution to the University and broader society

**This list is not meant to be exhaustive.*

The following guidelines apply:

- Must be a degree-seeking Mason student (undergraduate or graduate) at the time of application
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (undergraduate students) or 3.0 (graduate students) at the time of application
- Must have an active application to this program by the application deadline
- Must have submitted the required deposit by the appropriate deadline

Scholarship Policy and Requirements: Scholarship awards are designed to supplement a student's funds during the program. Scholarships will not be disbursed to students who cancel their participation in the program or if the program is cancelled. Repayment of the scholarship is required by students who withdraw from the program after disbursement.

Please Note: The names of the winners of each of the scholarships will be shared with the Parent's Fund organizers. Each scholarship winner must submit a written statement about their experience and how they were impacted by participating in the program. Mason's Annual Giving Office may use winners' stories/experiences to help promote the impact of the Parents Fund to future donors.

Scholarship Application and submission: Please fill out the attached fillable .pdf Document. Answer each of the 5 questions on the document and attach your answers to questions 6,7 & 8 as a word .doc. You can submit the application via email to gjustice@gmu.edu or in person to Greg Justice in Rm 433 Enterprise Hall no later than Wednesday February 15, 2017, all applicants will be notified of the results by Friday March 10, 2017. If you have any questions about the application please contact either Nicholas Lennon nlennon@gmu.edu or Greg Justice gjustice@gmu.edu.

Scholarship Application Questions:

1. Are you currently a degree-seeking George Mason University student?
2. Have you ever traveled abroad before?
3. Have you ever studied abroad before?
4. What is your official and current cumulative GPA at George Mason University?
5. Are you eligible for a Pell Grant or receiving financial aid from the university?

Please cover these 3 topics in 100-250 words each.

Please attach your answers to the following questions.

6. How do you plan to finance this program? Please include any financial circumstances you wish to share with the committee. (100-250 words)
7. Describe your background and how you, personally, can contribute to the diversification of study abroad at Mason. How has your background contributed to your success in college? (100-250 words)
8. How do you think this program could enhance your potential to make a positive contribution to society? (100-250 words)