If you are an undergraduate student enrolled at Texas State with a GPA of 2.75 or higher or a Texas State graduate student with a Texas State GPA of 3.25 or higher, you can apply for the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS).

Each year Texas State students receive this scholarship, with about $300,000 available annually for study abroad.

Background
The mission of the Study Abroad Program at Texas State University is to provide students in all areas of academic interest and levels a variety of educational choices abroad. The International Education Fee (IEF) funds the International Education Fee Scholarship program and assists in that mission by making funds available to qualified students who want to study abroad. The 72nd Texas State Legislature passed the IEF Bill, giving authority to the governing boards of all higher education institutions to charge and collect a $1.00 fee from all students who register each semester or summer session. Texas State University began collecting the fee in the 1992 fall semester and was approved to raise the fee to $3.00 starting in the 2002 fall semester.

Eligibility
The IEF Scholarship is distributed in a competition open to all undergraduate and graduate Texas State students who meet the established eligibility requirements. To be eligible, undergraduate students must be enrolled at least part-time at Texas State with a minimum cumulative Texas State GPA of 2.75. First-semester transfer students must have an admission GPA of at least 2.75. Graduate students must be enrolled at least part-time at Texas State with a minimum cumulative Texas State GPA of 3.25.

Each applicant is required to be enrolled full-time in study abroad, unless otherwise stated in the inter-institutional agreement or specified by the program requirements. International students at Texas State, like all other Texas State students, are eligible to apply for a Texas State-approved study abroad program. However, no money will be awarded to international students for study at Texas State University or in their home country. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation/suspension are not eligible. All applicants must be Texas Success Initiative compliant and must be in attendance at Texas State University during the semester that precedes their study abroad program.
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Student Information

This application is only for freshman students who currently do not have a college GPA and are planning to study abroad during the Summer 2016. All other applications must be submitted via the online application available at www.scholarships.txstate.edu

☐ I confirm that I am a freshman student and currently do not have a college GPA and would like to study abroad during the Summer 2016 semester.

Texas State Student ID number

Full name of student

Date of birth

MM/DD/YYYY

Gender

☐ Male

☐ Female

Texas State e-mail address

Phone number
Are you currently attending Texas State University

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please select your current student classification

☐ Undergraduate
☐ Graduate

Citizenship

☐ USA citizen/USA resident
☐ Other

Other (please specify country of citizenship)

Are you currently under disciplinary probation or suspension at Texas State University?

☐ Yes
☐ No

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Study Abroad Program Information

Please select the type of study abroad program you will be attending

☐ Faculty-led program
☐ Exchange program
☐ Affiliated program (AIFS, API, CEA, CRCC, ISA, SOL, USAC)
If you are participating in an affiliated program, please indicate the program provider:

- [ ] AIFS
- [ ] API
- [ ] CEA
- [ ] CRCC
- [ ] ISA
- [ ] SOL
- [ ] USAC
- [ ] Not applicable

If you are participating in a Texas State faculty-led program please indicate the name of the leading professor:

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Indicate the city for your study abroad program

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Indicate the country for your study abroad program

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Indicate the length of your study abroad program

- [ ] Less than 3 months
- [ ] More than 3 months

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Travel Study General Release Agreement

As an applicant of the IEF Scholarship:

I have requested and voluntarily choose to participate in the Texas State University travel to the
destination indicated on my IEF Scholarship application during the dates specified for my study abroad program. In consideration for Texas State University ("the University") funding and/or facilitating the Travel, I (for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators) HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, DISCHARGE, AND OTHERWISE AGREE TO INDEMNIFY the University, the Texas State University System, their regents, employees, agents, and volunteers (collectively, "the Released Parties") from and for any claims, demands, liability, lawsuits, injuries (including death), property damage, attorney's fees, expenses, costs, causes of action, judgments, or awards of any kind or character ("Loss") that may accrue, arise, or otherwise exist because of my travel and participation in the Travel. I intend this release to include any Loss sustained by a third party through whom or on behalf of whom (or whose estate) I may assert a claim, lawsuit, or cause of action.

I understand and agree that this RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY RELEASES, HOLDS HARMLESS,

CONTRACTUALLY BINDS ME TO INDEMNIFY (i.e., reimburse the Released Parties for any Loss they may sustain, resulting from a claim by a third party) and OTHERWISE EXONERATES THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER THAT NEGLIGENCE IS THE SOLE OR CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF MY LOSS. I intend this release, hold harmless and indemnity to be as broad and comprehensive as possible as I do not desire that the Released Parties have any liability, directly to me, my spouse (if any), my child (if any), or indirectly to any medical provider or insurer, arising from my participation in the travel.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

My participation in the Travel is voluntary. I understand that, through this Travel, I will spend time in the aforementioned destination indicated on my IEF Scholarship application, an area that has been or may be designated as having a Travel Warning by the U.S. State Department. I have been put on notice that such designation means that this area may include an unstable government, civil war, ongoing intense crime or violence, and/or frequent terrorist attacks, and may be hostile to visitors from the United States. I understand that my participation includes a risk of personal injury, property damage, death or other Loss as described above. I hereby acknowledge that the U.S. State Department provides travel advisories at http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

I have been advised to view alerts and warnings prior to and during my travel so that I can remain aware of any necessary safety precautions. I am electing to participate and travel at my own risk. On behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISK OF LOSS as defined and described in the above Release, Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement.

By agreeing to these terms, I REPRESENT that I am OVER THE AGE OF 18, I have read and understood what is written above, and that I VOLUNTARILY bind myself to the Conditions stated herein.
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IEFS Participation Policies Agreement

I. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Any missing document or missing/incorrect information constitutes an incomplete application. Texas State will not contact applicants if the application is incomplete.

II. Freshman students with no prior college GPA will be considered once their GPA from Texas State is available and by completing their application.

III. Graduate/Post-Graduate with no graduate credits completed: Minimum undergraduate GPA required is: 3.0

IV. Texas State University faculty-led programs: The Texas State University System Board of Regents must approve all Texas State University faculty-led programs as study abroad programs before program participants can be considered eligible for the IEFS. Check with Texas State University Study Abroad Office to determine if the program/course qualifies for the IEFS. The IEFS may not be used for programs or courses whose "International component" is considered a field trip and/or comprises less than 50% of the course.

V. All students must verify the status of their IEFS application.

VI. All students awarded a scholarship must submit acceptance. Recipients must respect all the deadlines, or their scholarships may be canceled. After the final day for notification of acceptance, the unaccepted funds will go to alternate applicants. Texas State Study Abroad Office will not contact applicants to remind them or to inform them about the procedures and results.

VII. Due to privacy rights, information about the scholarships awarded will not be provided over the phone.

VIII. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation/suspension are not eligible to receive an IEFS award.

IX. The IEFS Committee will evaluate all the applications based on the Texas State University criteria for awarding the IEFS rather than on individual circumstances.

X. Not all the students who meet the minimum requirements will receive a scholarship.

XI. Financial need is determined according to the records of the Texas State Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. If you have not submitted a FAFSA for the current academic year and your financial need cannot be determined, you are ranked as having a "low" need.

XII. All participants must be enrolled full-time in a Texas State faculty-led exchange or affiliated study abroad program for college credit, unless otherwise stated in the inter-institutional agreement or specified by the program requirements.

XIII. Alternate students may be considered if unaccepted scholarship funds are available. Applicants who qualify as alternate students will be notified during the award notification period and will be informed of the required procedures.
XIV. Each recipient is required to participate in the program described in the application during the dates indicated. If an applicant decides to participate in a different study abroad program after the scholarship has been awarded, the applicant will be required to submit written notification to the Study Abroad Office that indicates a change has been made in the student's program. The scholarship will be re-evaluated using the information of the new study abroad program. Based on the new information, the scholarship award may be reduced by the IEFS Committee to comply with the award criteria. However, if with the new study abroad program information the student qualifies for more scholarship funds, the IEFS Committee cannot guarantee the availability of the additional funds, and the student may only be eligible for the initial amount.
XV. If a student does not engage in or complete the study abroad program according to the submitted application, she/he is not entitled to the award even if already allocated by the committee, and must repay any award given. In case of non-compliance with the rules and operating procedures, a hold will be placed on the student’s records, and the student will not be allowed to register for the next semester. In addition this may result in withholding of grades, transcripts or degree until compliance is obtained.

XVI. The IEFS awards are not deferred.

XVII. Students who apply to study abroad in a location for which the U.S. Department of State has issued a travel warning are not eligible for the IEFS.

XVIII. The IEFS Committee reserves the right to suspend awards to students who have selected programs that are deemed to follow insufficient academic quality and/or health and safety. You are advised to contact Texas State Study Abroad Office for an updated list of programs under this status.

XIX. The IEFS Committee suggests you keep a copy of these policies for future reference, purchase trip cancellation/delay/interruption insurance. In case of unforeseen circumstances, and attend any of the IEFS information sessions offered by Texas State Study Abroad Office.

XX. Intentionally falsified information will lead to disqualification from consideration for the scholarship and students will be required to repay any scholarship money awarded should falsified information come to light following the receipt of the award. Students will return or repay scholarship funds within 30 days after withdrawing from the study abroad program or should the study abroad program be cancelled. Texas State University or any of its agents will take whatever action that is determined advisable regarding the health and safety of students. Texas State University may terminate the participation of students when they fail to maintain the program's standards or if Texas State University determines that student's conduct is detrimental to the welfare of the group/program. If participation in the program is terminated, student will remain responsible for all program's fees.

XXI. Texas State students who participate in study abroad programs may not be eligible to apply for the tuition rebate program.

XXII. After IEFS awards are announced, scholarship recipients will be required to provide Texas State Study Abroad Office with the following as applicable, on or before the final date of the award notification/acceptance period, or their IEFS award will be cancelled: a) If participating in a non-Texas State program proof of enrollment must be submitted to the Texas State Study Abroad Office. b) If receiving transferred credits on your study abroad program, you will be required to attach a copy of your approved Transfer Credit Agreement Form. c) If an independent study, research, or internship, you will be required to attach a completed Independent Study/Internship Proposal form.

☐ I have read, understood and agree to follow the participation policies and procedures of the IEF Scholarship and wish to submit my application.

Please sign and date the application below.