



**Application for Financial Aid**  
***Horry County Higher Education Commission***  
***International Awareness Award***

**Deadline for Application:**  
**November 6, 2009**

- I. Purpose of the Scholarship:** This scholarship is to be established beginning in Fall 2009 for new or continuing Coastal Carolina University (University) students who graduated from an accredited high school in Horry County, South Carolina. The scholarship may **only** be used to participate in a University sponsored study abroad experience in Spring, Maymester, Summer, or Fall semesters, or for a short or long-term study experience at one of the University's international partner institutions.
- II. Criteria for the Financial Award:** To qualify for the award, the recipient must meet each of the following conditions:
1. Be a new or continuing Coastal Carolina University undergraduate student who graduated from an accredited high school in Horry County;
  2. Be a
    - new freshman with a minimum 2.75 cumulative high school GPA and 1,000 SAT (Mathematics and Critical Reading) or 21 ACT, or
    - new transfer student with a minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 2.75, or
    - continuing student at Coastal Carolina University with a minimum cumulative Coastal Carolina University GPA of 2.75;
  3. Demonstrate financial need through the completion of the FAFSA and as defined by the Office of Financial Aid;
  4. Submit an application with a typed essay (no longer than 1,200 words) addressing each of the following:
    - Recipient's desired international study experience;
    - How an international study experience will enrich the recipient's academic program and personal/professional development;
    - Identify efforts in which the recipient has engaged in activities to increase global awareness.

The recommendation for these scholarships will come from the Executive Director of Global Initiatives with a representative from the Office of International Programs. This team will review the essay, grade point average, and financial need of each candidate in making its evaluations. The University Scholarship Committee will make the final award based on this recommendation.

The *Horry County Higher Education Commission International Awareness Award* is non-renewable, however scholarships awarded to new students (freshmen or transfers) may be valid for use up to six major semesters after the award is made (e.g. award made in November of 2009 would be eligible to be used through Fall semester of 2012), as long as both of the following terms are met:

1. The recipient maintains a 2.75 cumulative Coastal Carolina University GPA;
2. The recipient remains enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at Coastal Carolina University during Fall and Spring semesters from admission through the semester in which the scholarship is used.

Awards made to support participation of continuing students in approved semester or yearlong study abroad programs must be used within the two major semesters following the award or as stated in the award letter.

Applications to support student participation in short-term Coastal Carolina University study abroad programs are reviewed and considered only at the November 6, 2009 deadline and must be used to participate in short-term CCU study abroad programs occurring in the next calendar year (2010).

- III. Directions for Completion:** Please provide this completed form as a cover sheet attached to your essay noted in Section II(4) above to the Office of International Programs, Singleton 113, no later than November 6, 2009.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CCU Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CCU Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

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Date