



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

- 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
a. new freshman with a minimum 2.75 cumulative high school GPA and 1,000 SAT (Mathematics and Critical Reading) or 21 ACT, or
b. new transfer student with a minimum cumulative collegiate GPA of 2.75, or
c. 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:
a. Recipient's desired international study experience;
b. How an international study experience will enrich the recipient's academic program and personal/professional development;
c. Identify efforts in which the recipient has engaged in activities to increase global awareness;
5. If a continuing student, have completed the application process (with the exception of paying the deposit) for one of the study abroad programs offered through Coastal Carolina University for the time frame noted. (Note: 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.)

The recommendation for these scholarships will come from the Associate Provost for 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 2014 would be eligible to be used through Fall semester of 2016), 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.

- III. Deadline for Application: There are two cycles of evaluation each year, pending funding approval.
November 6, 2015 Applications are due to support participation in all short-term CCU study abroad programs in 2016 and any long-term study abroad programs beginning after January 1, 2016
February 29, 2016 Applications are due for all long-term study abroad programs beginning after May 1, 2016

IV. 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, Lib Jackson Student Union, Room A-109, no later than the deadline as noted above.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ CCU Email: _____

CCU Student ID: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

With my signature below, I certify that I intend to complete all application materials for, and intend to participate in, the _____ study abroad program offered through Coastal Carolina University. I understand that I will be responsible for all other costs associated with the experience, aside from those provided in this financial award, and I understand that this financial award may only be used to participate in the study abroad program for which it is awarded. I approve the review of my records at Coastal Carolina University in support of this application, including the sharing of all materials necessary with the members of the scholarship review committee. For continuing students only, if I am selected as an award winner, I agree to make the program deposit fee to complete my study abroad program application within 2 days of notice of the scholarship award, if I have not already made the deposit before that time.

Signature

Date