I. Purpose of the Scholarship: The purpose of the gift is to provide a $1,000 scholarship that enables first-generation college students to participate in study abroad programming activities offered through Coastal Carolina University. The scholarship is named in honor of Marilyn and David Domke, the parents of Darla Domke-Damonte, neither of whom had a college degree, but both of whom encouraged all six of their children to pursue college educations. The scholarship is funded in grateful recognition of the generous people of Plainview, Minnesota, who provided an $800 scholarship to Darla in 1984 without which she would never have had the opportunity to study abroad, an activity that changed her life and enabled her to pursue the career she so loves. 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, continuing, or transfer student at Coastal Carolina University
2. Be a full-time student at the time of award.
   a. Have a minimum GPA of at least 3.0, using the following measures: Continuing Student - CCU GPA; Transfer Student – Collegiate GPA; or New Student – High School GPA.
3. Additional requirements for the application:
   a. Be a first generation college student (defined as one for whom neither parent has graduated with a four-college degree). Evidence of such status must be submitted by the applicant.
   b. Provide as a part of the application an essay of 500 – 1000 words in which the applicant discusses how as a first-generation college student the student will use the study abroad opportunity to further personal career and community engagement;
   c. Faculty recommendation letter that supports the work ethic and community engagement of the student and recommends the study abroad program as a part of the student’s educational program.
   d. A copy of the student’s current program evaluation. First semester students at CCU are also required to submit midterm GPA reports.
4. Requirements of the scholarship recipient. All applicants for the scholarship acknowledge the following expectation: Recipients will be expected to deliver a public presentation within six months of their return from the study abroad experience in cooperation with the Center for Global Engagement. Such presentation will include a description of the recipient’s learning experience and how CGE can best encourage other first generation students to participate in study abroad. A copy of the presentation will be submitted to CGE prior to the presentation date.

Preference criteria for this award will be as follows:
1. Applicants who meet required eligibility who are residents of Horry, Georgetown or Marion Counties in South Carolina or residents of the state of Minnesota.
2. Applicants who meet required eligibility who are military veterans.
3. Applicants who meet required eligibility who were foster children.

One $1,000 scholarship is anticipated to be awarded. The recipient may only receive the award once. Recipients will be recommended by a committee to include Marilyn or David Domke or their designee, the Vice President of Student Life, and the Director of Veteran Services. The University Scholarship Committee will make the final award based on this recommendation.

III. Deadline for Application: Applications are due November 2, 2018, pending funding approval.

IV. Directions for Completion: Please provide this completed form as a cover sheet attached to the materials requested in Section II above to the Center for Global Engagement, Lib Jackson Student Union, Rm A-109, no later than the deadline as noted above.

Last Name: ___________________________ First Name: ___________________ CCU Student ID: ___________________

Address: ______________________________ City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

CCU Email: ___________________________@coastal.edu Local Telephone: ______________________________

With my signature below, I certify that I intend to complete all application materials for, and intend to participate in, the ___________________________ (name of study abroad program). 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 any 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.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

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