

Don & Pam Sundheim Study Abroad Scholarship Criteria

Completed applications are due in the main office (Coleman 1159) no later than **3:30pm March 25th, 2009**.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the applicants for these scholarships:

- (a) Past recipients are not eligible to apply for or receive the Sundheim Study Abroad Scholarship a second time.
- (b) Candidates are generally not eligible if they have already earned 12 semester hours or more in their target language via study abroad. Candidates should detail any previous foreign travel and/or study programs in which they have participated.
- (c) Candidates must be U.S. citizens, enrolled in good standing as full-time students at Eastern Illinois University and must be majoring in one of the languages offered by the Department of Foreign Languages.
- (d) Candidates must have attained junior status by the time the scholarship is paid out and have at least one semester remaining at Eastern Illinois University.
- (e) Teacher certification candidates will be given additional points.
- (f) Financial need will be given additional points equal to teacher certification.
- (g) One upper-division course in the target language must have been successfully completed with at least a "C." Additional upper-division courses will be given some weight in scoring.
- (h) Candidates should have at least a 3.00 grade point average overall and in their language major.
- (i) Candidates should submit a scholarship application which includes the following:
 - 1. a plan for their study abroad (courses taken abroad should be in the major target language and transferable to EIU)
 - 2. at least one faculty recommendation from an Eastern Illinois University Foreign Language instructor
 - 3. a personal statement about sharing their study abroad experience when they return to campus.
 - 4. a statement concerning their financial need status
 - 5. a copy of their transcript from PAWS

Don & Pam Sundheim Study Abroad Scholarship Application

Department of Foreign Languages
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, IL

Name of applicant: _____ Year in school: _____

E #: _____

Full-time student: yes no

Teacher certification candidate: yes no

Language major: _____

Language for study abroad: _____

Overall GPA _____

Foreign language major GPA: _____

Directions: Respond to questions A, B and C by attaching additional pages. Include and attach the teacher recommendation along with a copy of your transcript from PAWS. Obtain the signature of the Foreign Language Department Chairperson to validate transfer credit and complete this application.

- A. Please describe in as much detail as possible your plan and personal reasons for study abroad. If possible include the name of the institution or sponsoring organization you have chosen, the college credits available, and any other information you can provide to support your plan.
- B. After returning from a study abroad experience, how could you share what you learned with others at Eastern? List possible activities you would be willing to do (presentations during Foreign Language Week, etc.).
- C. Current recipient of need-based financial aid: yes no

Financial need is one of the criteria factored into awarding this scholarship. Please attach a statement concerning your need status. Include information about need-based financial aid you are currently receiving.

- D. Faculty Recommendation: please attach at least one recommendation from an EIU foreign language instructor from your language of concentration.

E. This study abroad plan has departmental approval for transfer credit: _____

Signature of Dept. Chair