



STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
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School of Honors

The Wisely Study Abroad Awards

The School of Honors at Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) is pleased to announce the competition for its annual Wisely Study Abroad Awards scholarship program. These awards are made possible through the generosity of the Dorothy Wisely School of Honors Endowment. The supervision of this award is directed by the School of Honors through the granting authority of the SFASU Foundation.

In late spring of each year, the School of Honors will announce award winners. Recipients travelling in Fall or Spring semesters will receive up to \$2,000 toward the semester of the study abroad trip. Recipients travelling in Summer I or Summer II semesters will receive up to \$1,000 toward the semester of the study abroad trip.

To be eligible for consideration for the *Wisely Study Abroad Awards* a student must:

- be a currently enrolled SFA student,
- be a full member of the School of Honors in good standing,
- have a minimum 3.25 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at SFA,
- apply for study abroad travel through the SFA Study Abroad office,
- participate in study abroad travel that meets these criteria:
 - o is outside of the United States,
 - o is during a Fall, Spring, Summer I or Summer II semester, and
 - o will result in a minimum of three (3) hours of earned college work on the SFA transcript, and
- complete the SFA Scholarship Application through mySFA (see instructions below.)

To apply, please complete the following by February 1.

1. The SFA Scholarship Application can be accessed online through students' mySFA account by selecting the *Financial Aid* tab, then selecting *Apply for Scholarship Opportunities*.
2. Within the application:
 - a. For the question, "Do you participate in any of the following SFA activities?", select "Honors Program" and "School of Honors Member".
3. Under the School of Honors section:

- a. Answer the question, “Do you intend to pursue a study abroad trip outside the United States?”
- b. Answer the question, “In which semester do you intend to travel for your study abroad program?”
- c. Complete the 300-600 word essay “Describe a time you failed and what you learned from that failure.”
- d. Request up to three references from professor(s) by submitting their name and email address. A link to the online scholarship reference form will be emailed.
- e. Answer the question, “Please list the primary country you intend to travel to while on study abroad?”
- f. Answer the question, “Which type of Study Abroad trip do you intend to take?”
- g. Answer the question, “Will your college work on the trip result in a minimum of three credit hours of earned college work on the SFA transcript?”

If awarded a *Wisely Study Abroad Award* scholarship, the recipients must:

- Maintain School of Honors membership, which includes maintaining a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA.
- Prior to leaving on the study abroad trip, the School of Honors will verify through the SFA Study Abroad office that the student is eligible for study abroad travel through SFA and that the travel will result in earning academic credit at SFA.
- Within 30 days of returning from the trip, recipients must submit 3-5 digital photographs of their trip with descriptive captions and a typed 500 word reflection paper describing their travels.

[Scholarship application questions?](#)

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