

# API/JCU DIVERSITY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



The API/JCU Diversity Abroad Scholarship provides one full tuition scholarship per session abroad (Fall, Spring, Summer 1, Summer 2) to an outstanding minority student to encourage diversity at the John Cabot University campus in Rome, Italy.

**All applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for an API scholarship:**

- ✓ Student must have applied and been accepted to API's program with JCU in Rome.
- ✓ Student must obtain one letter of recommendation for the scholarship (in addition to the one required for the API application) from a professor or an assistant professor. This may not be from the same professor who submitted the first letter of recommendation.
- ✓ Applicants must be students who are underrepresented minorities in study abroad (e.g., Black/African American; Hispanic/Latino; Native American; or Asian American).

**To apply for a scholarship, each applicant must:**

- ✓ Submit both of the following two essays:
  - 1) The United States is an ethnically and culturally diverse nation, which continues to value the role of diversity in society. Research Italy's contemporary history and discuss an example of how diversity is viewed in Italian society. Feel free to compare and contrast American and Italian perceptions of diversity in your essay, being sure to consult at least two (2) separate sources and cite them appropriately.
  - 2) A one-page personal essay stating your goals for studying abroad, financial aid status and need, and/or special circumstances about which you would like API to know.
- ✓ Submit an additional letter of recommendation (see specific instructions above).
- ✓ Submit the essays and letter of recommendation by the scholarship deadline. API encourages students to submit their essays and letter of recommendation together. All materials must be received by API on or before the deadline for the applicant to be considered.

**Once received, API scholarship applications will be processed and applied in the following manner:**

- ✓ Scholarships are awarded based on academic performance and financial need. Preference will be given to student with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B average) or higher and students who demonstrate financial need.
- ✓ All applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions 4-6 weeks after the scholarship application deadline. If full payment is due before scholarship awards are issued, payment should be sent according to the API Payment Policies and Schedule. If a student is awarded a scholarship, a refund will be issued for that amount.
- ✓ Any student who voluntarily withdraws before or after their program will forfeit their scholarship award.

**Scholarship application deadlines:**

- Fall/Year: June 10
- Spring: October 15
- Summer: April 1





**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:  
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**2010 RECOMMENDATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY WITH BLACK OR BLUE INK.

**To be completed by applicant:**

**NAME OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

**LOCATION, TERM & SESSION TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED (e.g., UNIVERSITY OF CADIZ, FALL 2010)** \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE REQUESTED FROM (PLEASE PRINT):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Professor

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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by professor or assistant professor:**

**NAME AND TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTITUTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICE TELEPHONE** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Living overseas requires discipline, self-confidence and the ability to be flexible to new living and learning environments. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please give us your opinion of the student's ability to successfully make the necessary adjustments.

Comment on the following topics regarding this applicant: 1) Interest and sensitivity to cultures other than his/her own; 2) Intellectual qualities and promise for the future; 3) Ability to handle challenges and adapt to new situations; 4) Suitability for chosen course of study; 5) Artistic, athletic, social, and other interests or achievements. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

This candidate is applying for a scholarship. Describe to the best of your knowledge the reasons that this candidate is deserving of a selective, need, and merit-based scholarship.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

