Guidelines for Using General University & State Sponsored Scholarships For Exchange and Study Abroad Programs

Students participating in a USC sponsored exchange program (i.e., academic credit is granted and fees are paid through USC) may apply their general university and/or state sponsored scholarship award(s) toward their exchange program for a maximum of one academic year provided that the course work undertaken in the program has been approved in advance by the Study Abroad Office and the appropriate dean, with credit granted toward the student’s degree. If you participate in an USC sponsored exchange program, you will receive and pay your tuition bill to USC as usual.

Students participating in a USC sponsored affiliate-direct enroll program or a Non-USC sponsored study abroad program (i.e., fees are paid to the host institution or program provider rather than to USC) may use their general university and/or state sponsored scholarship award(s) to assist with the cost of attendance associated with the program for a maximum of one academic year provided that the course work to be undertaken in the study abroad program has been approved in advance by the Study Abroad Office and the appropriate dean, and credit will be granted toward the student's degree.

Regardless of the type of program a student participates in, she/he must obtain and submit a Study Abroad Approval Form to the Study Abroad Office by the stated deadline. This document initiates the scholarship posting process.

Provided the above criteria are met and the Study Abroad Approval Form is submitted on time, you can receive the following scholarships if participating in any approved exchange or study abroad programs:

- Alumni Scholars
- Carolina Scholars & Carolina Scholars Finalist
- Cooper Scholars
- Governor’s School Scholar
- McKissick Scholars
- McNair Scholars & McNair Scholars Finalist
- Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
- SC LIFE Scholarship
- SC Teaching Fellows
- Thornwell Scholars
- Trustees’ Endowment Scholars
- University Scholars
- Valedictorian Scholars
- Woodrow Scholars

Departmental and private scholarships, including National Merit Finalist/Lieber, require approval of the provider. Please contact the scholarship organization and request that they send written approval to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships authorizing the award for participation in the exchange or study abroad program. See below for National Merit Scholarship Corporation contact information.

Students who do not meet the above requirements may be granted a one year leave of absence for study abroad and have their scholarship reinstated upon re-entry to the University provided all...
eligibility criteria continue to be met and provided that a General University Scholarship Deferment/Leave of Absence Request Form is submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships for consideration prior to the beginning of the requested semester(s). This is not applicable to SC LIFE or Palmetto Fellow Scholarship recipients.