Purpose of the Fund

The Religious Studies Scholarship Fund provides encouragement and financial assistance to a student of any class who demonstrates financial need and who is involved in a Center for Global Education & Experience short-term program, or summer program, or semester academic program, and is minoring or majoring in religion or pre-seminary, and is open to students at seminaries in the United States or Canada. The award is based upon financial need.

The amount of the scholarship provided will depend on the applicant’s need and depends upon the resources available in the fund in during any given year. The award will rarely exceed 25% of the total cost of the travel seminar.

Final decision regarding the awarding of funds rests with the Center for Global Education & Experience.

General Criteria

1. Should apply at least two months prior to the expected date of departure.
2. Will be expected to contribute a portion of the total cost of the trip.
3. Will share their experiences with CGEE in the form of a written summary within 30 days of date of return. We also encourage scholarship recipients to share 3-5 photographs from the seminar with CGEE to accompany their summary. The summary and photographs may be used as content for our blog or in other promotional materials.
4. Will share their experiences with their community networks (e.g. university/college campus, faith community, family, etc.).
5. Augsburg College students will be required to attend the Scholarship Brunch at the end of the school year.

Specific Criteria

1. Should meet the general criteria and be a member of one of the groups listed under the purpose of the program.
2. Should be able to document financial need. Student status alone will not be sufficient documentation of financial need. Students may be requested to provide financial aid documents.
3. Will be encouraged to explore other resources prior to seeking CGEE scholarship funds.
RELIGIOUS STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Application Form

Name: ___________________________  Email: ________________________________

Postal Address (include ZIP):_________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Day phone: ______________________  Evening phone: ___________________________

Age: _____________  Gender: _____________

Major and/or Minor Degree program:________________________________________

Religious Affiliation (optional): ____________________________________________

Year of School (if applicable):_______________________________________________

College or University attending:____________________________________________

Name of the Program and Sponsoring Organization/Individual:

________________________________________________________________________

Dates and location(s) of the Program:________________________________________

Estimated Total Cost of Program: __________________________________________

Please share your plans to fund your participation in the program. **You must specify dollar amounts for each question.** These amounts should add up to the total cost of the program.

Federal Pell Grant: $____________

State Grant: $____________

Federal Stafford Loan: $____________

Other Scholarships/Aid: $____________

Other Loans: $____________

Fundraising: $____________

Personal Funds: $____________

Other Sources of Funding: $____________

Religious Scholarship Funds Requested: $____________

TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM = $____________
For students only:
Are you eligible for financial aid during the term of the program? YES NO
Are you receiving financial aid during the term of the program? YES NO

Indicate how much financial aid will be applied toward this program: $_________________

Name of Financial Aid Officer from your school: _______________________________________

Verified by: Signature/Date of Financial Aid Officer: ________________________________

Title: ________________________  Email: __________________  Day Phone: ____________

Please attach a separate page of typewritten responses to this application for the following questions 1-6:

1. Tell us about yourself and why you are interested in this program.

2. How would this program augment your religious studies and your personal and professional goals?

3. What is the nature of your community engagement (for example: organizations, boards, committees, volunteer/service work, participation in faith community, etc.)?

4. Why would you be an appropriate recipient of scholarship funds?

5. Please list your international travel experience from the last five years, and include any international travel plans you have for six months after the completion of this travel seminar.

6. Is there any other information you want us to know about you or your financial situation prior to making our decision?

Please include a letter of support with your application. The letter should be written by someone who is not a family member, preferably a professor, academic advisor, mentor, supervisor, pastor, etc.

All of the information contained on this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge:

__________________________________________  ________________
Signature of Applicant  Date

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application! Please send completed applications to:

Attn: Olee Amata, Center for Global Education & Experience, Augsburg College, Campus Box 307, 2211 Riverside Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55454, amata@augsburg.edu.

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