

Center for **GLOBAL EDUCATION** *and EXPERIENCE*

MARY WITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM POLICY

Purpose of the Fund

The Mary Witt Scholarship Fund was established in 1987 in memory of Mary Witt, who was killed in a car accident several months after participating in a Center for Global Education & Experience (CGEE) customized program to Central America. The Center attached the fund to Mary's name because of her inspiring commitment to a more inclusive, just and peaceful world. The money in this small fund enhances opportunities for persons lacking sufficient personal resources, especially persons of color, to participate in Center for Global Education & Experience customized programs and meet their counterparts in other countries who are working for social change.

Due to the limited size of the fund of about \$4,000/year and the many requests we receive, we are currently targeting scholarships to individual persons of color, particularly those who are involved in grassroots community engagement. The award is based upon financial need. The amount of the scholarship provided will depend on the applicant's financial need and the resources available to the Center for Global Education & Experience and will rarely exceed 50% of the total cost of the customized program. **Final decision regarding the awarding of funds rests with the Center for Global Education & Experience at Augsburg College.**

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.

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Individual Application

Name: _____ Email: _____

Postal Address (include ZIP): _____

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Major or Degree program: _____

Primary ethnic group(s) with which you identify: _____

Year of School (if applicable): _____

College or University attending: _____

Name of the Customized Program and Sponsoring Organization/Individual: _____

Dates and location(s) of the Customized 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: \$ _____

Mary Witt 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. What is the nature of your community engagement (for example: organizations, boards, committees, volunteer/service work, participation in faith community, etc.)?
3. How do you anticipate this program will enrich your life?
4. Please reread the Mary Witt scholarship program policy, noting in particular the purpose of the program, which states for whom it has been established. Then indicate the factors that make you 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, or supervisor, 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:

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

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