



## Study Abroad Scholarships (up to \$3,000 each)

### ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Study Abroad Scholarships are for active, undergraduate Sigma Tau Delta members to be used for the purposes of studying for an academic term or year in a certified, undergraduate program outside the country in which the nominating chapter is located. To receive their scholarships, recipients must verify that they have arrived on-site (an official letter from the Resident Director of the program is acceptable for this purpose). Applicants should demonstrate academic scholarship and chapter service; they should also explain the relevance of their study abroad program and activities to fostering the discipline of English, including literature, language, writing, and literacy.

Study Abroad Scholarships are determined in two stages: by March 30 (announced at the Sigma Tau Delta annual convention) and by May 15. Scholarships awarded in March can be used for study abroad from January 2010 through December 2010; scholarships awarded in May can be used beginning Summer 2010 through Spring 2011. Unsuccessful first round applications may be resubmitted for consideration in the second round. Any further information that would enhance applications must be sent by the March 30 deadline.

**Each chapter may nominate three student members in each annual cycle for these scholarships.** Applicants must send the completed application packet (original and six copies), postmarked by midnight **November 6, 2009**, in the first round; or no later than midnight **March 30, 2010** in the second round to Dr. Shannin Schroeder, Scholarship Committee Chair, Southern Arkansas University, 100 E. University, Magnolia, AR 71754-9257.

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

*Materials will not be returned. Handwritten, late, incomplete, or faxed applications will not be considered.*

1. Type information requested on page 2 (APPLICANT INFORMATION I–V).
2. Sign Applicant’s Declaration below.
3. Write your Application Essay (VI).
4. Obtain your letters of recommendation (VII).
5. Obtain transcript(s) as requested (VIII). Include with this application.
6. Present packet to your chapter for nomination.
7. Have your chapter sponsor sign the Nomination Statement below.
8. Make 6 **collated and stapled** copies of these materials including this cover sheet (excluding transcript).
9. Include diskette or CD containing information requested in APPLICANT INFORMATION I–VI.
10. Send entire packet (original and six copies) to the address above.

### APPLICANT’S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information in this application is true. If selected to receive a Study Abroad Scholarship, I agree to use it for the purpose and at the time stipulated in my application. I will inform the Sigma Tau Delta Central Office at sigmatd@niu.edu if my study abroad plans change, making my application ineligible. I further agree that my application package becomes the property of Sigma Tau Delta and may be used for publicity purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### NOMINATION STATEMENT

ΣΤΔ chapter \_\_\_\_\_ hereby nominates \_\_\_\_\_ for the Study Abroad Scholarship. I certify that the nominee is a member in good standing and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information and documents herein are accurate and provided in good faith. *I believe this application packet is complete.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Sponsor’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

**Format:** Times New Roman 12 pt. or Courier 10 cpi font. Single-spaced. Margins 1-1.25.

Label and provide information in the order listed.

### I. Personal Information

1. Full name
2. Permanent address and telephone number
3. E-mail address
4. Your college mailing address and telephone number

### II. Academic Information

1. Colleges or universities you have attended (with dates), starting with the most recent
2. Name of the Sigma Tau Delta chapter you were inducted into and year of induction
3. Name of faculty sponsor at your present chapter
4. E-mail address of your faculty sponsor
5. Major field(s) of study / minor(s)
6. Graduation date, actual or projected
7. Identify what degree(s) you are seeking and any degree(s) you may already have
8. List (vertically) by title all English courses (undergraduate and graduate) you have taken, indicating the grade you received in each
9. Note your GPA in English courses (to two decimal places, e.g., 3.745 becomes 3.75)
10. Note your current cumulative GPA (to two decimal places)

### III. Awards and Activities

1. List any awards, scholarships, or honors you have received. Explain briefly where necessary, and give dollar amounts of scholarships and cash awards.
2. Describe in detail your participation in your Sigma Tau Delta chapter.
3. List and briefly describe other significant campus or community activities.

### IV. Study Abroad Information and Statement

1. Provide name of study abroad program, mailing address/fax/phone/e-mail address (as available), and dates you will be in residence there.
2. Identify the affiliation of the program and provide name and contact information of its director (e.g., your own university/college, or name and mailing address of another institution).
3. Provide name and contact information for an official of the study abroad program (the resident director of the program is preferred) who will notify Sigma Tau Delta when you are on-site (so your scholarship can be released).
4. On a separate sheet write a 200-400 word statement (double spaced) in which you explain the nature and the relevance of this program to your academic and

professional goals and the purposes of Sigma Tau Delta (fostering the discipline of English, including literature, language, writing, and literacy). Provide details about the number of terms and dates, courses (titles, descriptions, and estimate of meeting frequencies, workload, credit hours), and activities.

### V. Professional Goals

Briefly (1-2 short paragraphs) state your professional/vocational goals, immediate and long-term.

### VI. Application Essay

On a separate sheet write a 200-400 word personal essay (double spaced) on some aspect of the 2010 convention theme, “**Storytellers.**” You may propose and support any thesis appropriate to this subject, but essays longer than 400 words will not be read.

### VII. Letters of Recommendation

Secure two brief (one page or less each), unsealed letters of recommendation written on letterhead: one from a college English faculty member and one from someone with detailed knowledge of your plans for studying abroad (this recommender may be an academic adviser, faculty member, program official, etc.). Provide photocopies of these and include the original.

### VIII. Transcripts

Include **one** copy (official or unofficial) of **each** transcript from colleges/universities you have attended. Your most recent transcript should show an official overall undergraduate (and an official graduate, if applicable) GPA. If your current transcript includes a course-by-course record of coursework taken at other institutions, you do not need separate transcripts from those institutions.

We need only **one** copy of your transcript with each scholarship application. If you are applying for more than one scholarship and are providing an original transcript, you may include the original transcript in one scholarship packet and a photocopy of the transcript with the other scholarship packets. Do include with each photocopy a note stating the scholarship packet that contains the original. NOTE: Scholarship recipients will need to submit official transcripts, if they have not already.