

Santa Rosa Junior College
AIFS Study Abroad Scholarship Application
Florence Spring 2026

DEADLINE: Friday, OCTOBER 31, 2025

Email your submission on or by Oct. 31 to: pwarne@santarosa.edu

The following are instructions for the AIFS Study Abroad scholarships only. There are more Study Abroad scholarships available on SRJC's AwardSpring site (see "Scholarships Information" link on the Florence info page (<https://study-abroad.santarosa.edu/florence-spring-2026-information>))

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) Study Abroad Ambassador Scholarships

--One at \$1,000, and

--Two @ \$500

--All SRJC participants in the Florence Spring 2026 program are eligible.

Requirements: Must be willing to maintain a blog/vlog during the program.

Preference given to need-based applicant for the \$1,000 scholarship.

You'll be asked to write a short paper about why you're studying abroad in Florence, as well as give us some ideas about maintaining a blog/vlog.

INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) Fill out the application below (ok to use smartphone photo to send the application if you need to).

(2) Respond to the two narrative questions given below.

(3) Email your application and two narratives to pwarne@santarosa.edu on or by Oct. 31, 2025.

AIFS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Student ID#: _____

Email Address: _____

Financial Information:

If **dependent** on your parents (this generally means you still live with at least one parent), please provide the following information:

- 2026 expected family income _____
- Total number of individuals supported by this family income _____
- Number of family members enrolled in college on a full-time basis _____
- What is your (applicant's) projected income for 2026? _____

If **self-supporting** (this generally means you do not live with at least one parent or guardian), please provide the following information:

- 2026 expected income _____
- Total number of individuals supported by this income _____

Statement of Need (optional): Please briefly explain why you need financial assistance to participate in the Study Abroad Program.

I certify that the information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize release of my application to third parties for the purposes of scholarship consideration. If I receive an AIFS scholarship, I will provide the Study Abroad Office with my blog address and understand it will be posted on its website.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applications should be emailed to the Study Abroad coordinator, pwarne@santarosa.edu, no later than Oct. 31, 2025

AIFS NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

Please type each narrative and send them either as a Word document or PDF. The Study Abroad Scholarship Committee doesn't have length requirements but they suggest around a half-page or so (more is fine) for Narrative #1, and however long it takes for you to put down some blog/vlog ideas for Narrative #2.

Narrative #1: Why do you want to study abroad in Florence?

Narrative #2: Submit a proposal of how you will work with AIFS and the SRJC Study Abroad Office to promote the Study Abroad Program (this means your willingness to maintain a blog/vlog during your trip).

Your proposal should include:

--Agreeing to keep your blog/vlog updated for a reasonable time (**at least once every two weeks**) throughout the program.

--Providing personal insights and observations through, for example, blog/vlog entries, photos, video footage, or any other support materials. Give us some of your ideas of what you anticipate some of your themes will be, as well as what your planned platform will be.

--Mentioning that you'll provide your blog/vlog address to the SRJC Study Abroad office so that it can be posted on the SRJC Study Abroad website. (We will also provide your address to AIFS for their use.)

*Note: Some of you may have heard from other participants of our past programs about "challenge" assignments from AIFS, which require you to take pictures and provide videos of certain themes that are given to you on a regular basis by AIFS. However, **this blog/vlog will be in lieu of these challenge assignments** and you'll be expected to come up with your own ideas for content.*