

**Santa Rosa Junior College
Study Abroad Scholarship Information
Florence 2021**

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020

The Scholarship Office now utilizes an online system called AwardSpring. This means you'll be submitting your scholarship application and narratives online through AwardSpring: <https://santarosa.awardspring.com>

There is a general application for AwardSpring and you'll need to complete that. You'll also be required to upload your unofficial transcript for the Study Abroad scholarships.

There are 4 different kinds of Study Abroad scholarships available. You are eligible for all if you have at least a 2.50 GPA and are currently enrolled in at least 6 units at SRJC. Everyone enrolled in the program is also eligible for the AIFS scholarships.

If you are eligible, you should be sure to apply for ALL THREE of the following:

--Ava and Sam Guerrera Study Abroad Scholarship

--Renata Breth, Steve Osborn, and Celeste Osborn Breth Study Abroad Scholarship

--Ruth Parlé Craig Study Abroad Scholarship

Please don't just fill out one of these scholarships and neglect another. For example, don't just go for the Guerrera and not the Breth-Osborn because the Guerrera provides more money. If you don't get the Guerrera, you'll still want to be eligible for the other scholarships.

Each of these scholarships will ask you for the exact same things. *You do not have to write a different narrative for each one. **Please just use the same narratives for each and copy and paste them.***

You'll be asked to write two narratives: (1) "Please describe how a semester abroad will help you achieve both your academic and personal goals" and (2) "Summarize your school/community and/or individual activities and honors that

are indicative of your breath of experience." For the first narrative, the committee will be looking for things like why you chose Italy and what you expect to get out of the experience; and for the second narrative, write about some things that you've accomplished—it can be practically anything: for example, volunteer work or accomplishments in things like academics, the arts, sports, etc.

AIFS Scholarships: If you are willing to maintain a blog, you should also apply for the AIFS scholarships. (All participants are eligible for the AIFS scholarships.)

This one will be the same as the others, except it will also ask you to submit a proposal of how you will work with AIFS and the Study Abroad Office to promote the Study Abroad program. Just write a paragraph or so about some ideas you have about writing a blog (pictures, videos, etc.) while you're in Florence. Mention you'll provide your blog address to the Study Abroad office and that you'll also check in periodically with the AIFS office. There will be one AIFS scholarship available for \$1,000 and two for \$500.

Note on the Guerrera: There are generally two Guerrera scholarships available for \$2,000 each. Usually recipients receive \$1,800 and then are required to submit an additional essay at the end of their Study Abroad program summarizing their experience and how the experience has influenced their life, and then they receive the remaining amount.

To receive any scholarship or financial aid through SRJC for this program, you must maintain a minimum of 6 units through SRJC and a total of 12 units for the duration of the program.

Coronavirus note: These scholarships are available only to SRJC students enrolled in the Study Abroad program for Florence Spring 2021. While we encourage all students in the program to consider applying for them, note that they will only be given if the program happens.

Finally, if you have any questions, you can contact Patty Warne, Study Abroad coordinator, at pwarne@santarosa.edu.