

Santa Rosa Junior College
Study Abroad Scholarship Information
London Fall 2022

You can now apply for our special Study Abroad scholarships for London Fall 2022! These scholarships range from \$450-\$2,000.

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

(The exception to this will be the scholarships offered by AIFS, since they are not given through the SRJC Scholarship Office—the AIFS scholarship applications will instead be submitted to the Study Abroad coordinator via email to pwarne@santarosa.edu.)

When you log in to AwardSpring, there will be a general application to complete and you'll also be required to upload your unofficial transcript for the Study Abroad scholarships. The deadline to submit your application, narratives and unofficial transcripts is **Wednesday, March 2, 2022**.

Academically you are eligible if you have at least a 2.50 GPA and are enrolled in at least 6 units of the current semester at SRJC. In addition, some scholarships may require "financial need." If you don't qualify for the scholarships due to "financial need," consider the AIFS scholarships (see info below). Everyone enrolled in the program is eligible for the AIFS scholarships.

Also, only those who are officially enrolled in London Fall 2022 Study Abroad program will be considered for these scholarships. The Scholarship Office will be verifying with the Study Abroad Office that you are in the program. ***Note: If you are not officially enrolled by the March 2nd deadline but know you will be enrolling soon thereafter, then go ahead and submit your application and narratives. We will verify that you're in the program. The main thing is that you need to get your application and narratives in by March 2.***

If you are eligible, you should be sure to apply for ALL OF THE FOLLOWING 3 SCHOLARSHIPS on AwardSpring:

- 1. Ava and Sam Guerrera Study Abroad Scholarship (2 at \$2,000)**
- 2. Renata Breth, Steve Osborn, and Celeste Osborn Breth Study Abroad Scholarship (1 at approximately \$450)**
- 3. Ruth Parlé Craig Study Abroad Scholarship (1 at approximately \$1,225)**

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. In addition, although rare, you could receive more than one scholarship if there are a low number of applicants—but only if you've applied for it.

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 must be sure to “submit” for each of the scholarships!

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 London 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.

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.

By the way, there might also be a general question on AwardSpring asking why you are studying abroad. Don't spend too much time on this one, or just put the same thing you would put for the first narrative. The Scholarship Committee is scoring you on the two narratives as described above.

AIFS Scholarships (1 @ \$1,000 and 2 @ \$500): If you are willing to maintain a blog, you should also apply for the AIFS scholarships. All SRJC London participants are eligible for the AIFS scholarships. The AIFS scholarship application is not on the AwardSpring system and you'll need to apply for an AIFS scholarship separately, and email your application and narratives to pwarne@santarosa.edu by March 2.

The application for the AIFS scholarships is available ONLY on the London info page of the Study Abroad website. Click here (<https://study-abroad.santarosa.edu/london-fall-2022-information>) and then scroll down to where you see "Click here for AIFS Scholarship Application:"
(Please do not go directly to the AIFS site; those scholarships are only for individualized programs, and you do not qualify for any of those.)

This one will have the same narratives 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. What they mainly mean by this is your willingness to maintain some kind of blog. Just write a paragraph or so about some ideas you have about writing a blog (pictures, videos, etc.) while you're in London. Mention you'll provide your blog address to the Study Abroad office and that you'll also check in periodically with the AIFS office.

Reminder: 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.