

**Santa Rosa Junior College**  
**Study Abroad Scholarship Information**  
**Florence 2022**

It's too soon to apply for scholarships for Florence Spring 2022, but this will give you an idea on what to expect:

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>. *These online applications won't be available for Florence Spring 2022 until Fall 2021.*

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 will be **Nov. 5, 2021**. The narratives will then be read by the Study Abroad Scholarship Committee (except for the North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Florence scholarships, which will be determined by the NBICF), and they will inform the Scholarship Office of the chosen recipients. Submitting your application and narratives will be worth your while because we have scholarships that range from around \$450 to \$2,000.

There will be approximately 10 scholarships available. Only those who have officially enrolled in the Florence Spring 2022 Study Abroad program and who are SRJC students will be considered for these scholarships.

Academically you are eligible for most if you have at least a 2.50 GPA and are enrolled in at least 6 units of the current semester at SRJC. (The NBICF Florence Scholarships require a 3.00 GPA.) In addition, some scholarships may require "financial need." If you don't qualify for some scholarships due to "financial need," consider the AIFS scholarships. Everyone enrolled in the program is eligible for the AIFS scholarships.

**If you are eligible, you should be sure to apply for ALL OF THE FOLLOWING 4 SCHOLARSHIPS (AS WELL AS THE AIFS SCHOLARSHIPS IF YOU'RE WILLING TO MAINTAIN A BLOG):**

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 \$1,000)
4. **North Bay Italian Cultural Foundation Florence Scholarship** (3 at \$1,000. Note that this scholarship requires that you give a presentation to the NBICF upon your return about your experience.)

**Apply for the following if you are willing to maintain a blog :**

5. **AIFS Scholarships** (1 at \$1,000 and 2 at \$500. All participants are eligible for the AIFS scholarships.)

*--The instructions about the scholarships will look something like this:*

Regarding Scholarships 1-4 (Guerrera, Breth-Osborne, Craig and NBICF) 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 breadth 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.

Note on the NBICF Florence Scholarship: Requires that upon their return, awardees will give a presentation to the NBICF of their Study Abroad experience.

**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.**