

Santa Rosa Junior College
Study Abroad Scholarship Information
Florence Spring 2023

It's too soon to apply for our special Study Abroad scholarships for Florence Spring 2023, 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 2023 until sometime during the Fall 2022 semester.*

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 has not yet been determined.

There will be three kinds of Study Abroad scholarships available on AwardSpring. Only those who have officially enrolled in the Florence Spring 2023 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 Sharie Sbrazza 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 3 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. Ruth Parlé Craig Study Abroad Scholarship** (1 at approximately \$1,225)

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

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 Parlé Craig 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 Florence 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 (1 @ \$1,000 and 2 @ \$500): If you are willing to maintain a blog, you should also apply for the AIFS scholarships. (All SRJC Florence participants are eligible for the AIFS scholarships.) The AIFS scholarships application is not available on AwardSpring and will only be available on the SRJC Study Abroad website. We will provide a link for it on the website when it's ready. (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 (this just means that you're willing to maintain a blog of some sort). 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.

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.