David L. Boren Scholarship – Scholarships for International Study

Website:  http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship

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Award Type: Graduate Study Abroad & Public Service

Who Can Apply: You are eligible to apply for the Boren Scholarship if you are:
- A U.S. citizen at the time of application.
- A high school graduate, or have earned a GED, and are matriculated in an undergraduate degree program in a U.S. post-secondary institution, including universities, colleges and community colleges accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applying to engage in a study abroad experience in a country outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand that meets home institution standards.
- Planning to use the scholarship for study abroad, and the study abroad program ends before you graduate. Boren Scholarships are not for study in the United States.
- Program Preferences: Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a desire to work in the federal government.

Description: Boren Scholarships provide up to $20,000 for a full academic year to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars study less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. Boren Scholarships promote long term linguistic and cultural immersion, and therefore study abroad proposals for two or more semesters are strongly encouraged. Preference will be given to undergraduate applicants proposing a full-year academic study. Summer-only programs are limited to science, technology, engineering and mathematic students. Applications for summer-only programs will be considered if the program is eight (8) weeks or more. In exchange for scholarship funding, all Boren Scholars must agree to NSEP service requirements for three years after graduation.

Scholarship award recipients will be selected on the basis of merit with consideration for:
- Program preferences
- Academic record
- Potential to succeed in the proposed study abroad program
- Commitment to international education to fulfill academic and career goals
- Language interest and aptitude
- The quality and appropriateness of the proposed program
- Relevance to the National Security Education Program.

Award Amount: Maximum scholarship awards are:
- $10,000 for a semester
- $20,000 for a full academic year

National Deadline: Early February 2015 5:00 p.m. East Coast Time