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The West Michigan World Trade Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining West Michigan's competitive edge in the global marketplace. As part of this commitment, the organization wishes to encourage students to expand their academic knowledge by offering them scholarships for qualified study abroad programs. Scholarships will be awarded to students from West Michigan post-secondary academic institutions in amounts up to \$1,000 and are based on program costs and financial need.

A study-abroad program is considered a qualified program if the institution deems it academically challenged and appropriate for the applicant's course of study. Priority will be given to students who have never been abroad and those who participate in a semester-long program rather than a summer only program. Additionally, since WMMTA is a business/trade organization, preference will be given to students whose study abroad program is business focused. However, other applications will be considered.

Students interested can apply by writing a 300 word essay on "**How do you Expect Study Abroad to Change your World View?**" Please send a letter of application along with the essay and completed application form to WMMTA at the address listed below. The letter should include a statement of why the applicant is interested in this particular program and how the program will further the student's personal and professional development. Arrangements should be made for a letter of recommendation from a faculty member attesting to the academic appropriateness of the foreign program to the student's studies, as well to the suitability of the applicant. Appropriate supporting information regarding the program may also be included.

The Board of Directors of the West Michigan World Trade Association will make the final award decision. Application deadline is Friday, April, 2017.

Notification of awards will be made within three weeks of the application deadline, and the award will be presented during World Trade Week in May. Award recipients will be asked to report about their study-abroad experience at a WMMTA monthly Dinner-Speaker meeting.

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If you or someone at your school has questions, please feel free to call Rebecca Climie at the West Michigan World Trade Association office at 616.301.0032.



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West Michigan World Trade Association Scholarship Application 2017

Applications are due April 7, 2017 to the email or mailing address above.

Contact Information

Name _____
School Address _____
City, State & Zip _____
Home Address _____
Phone _____
E-Mail Address _____

School _____ Expected Graduation Date _____
Major Field of Study _____

Program Information

I am interested in the following study abroad program: _____

When do you plan to attend and how long? _____

What courses do you plan on taking there? _____

Cost of Program
(Include cost details on reverse side) _____

Include with Application

“How do you Expect Study Abroad to Change your
World View?”

Recommendation from Director of school's study abroad
program or faculty member

_____ Letter of Application

_____ Cost details

Signature _____