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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 a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a student attending a qualified study abroad program. This scholarship will be awarded to students from West Michigan post-secondary academic institutions.

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 WMWTA 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 WMWTA at the address listed below. The letter should include a statement of why the applicant is interested in their study abroad program and how that 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 as the suitability of the applicant. Appropriate supporting information regarding the program should also be included.

The application deadline is Friday, April 13, 2018. Notification of recipient selected by the Board of Directors will be made within one week of the application deadline, and the award will be presented during World Trade Week in May. The award recipient will be asked to report about their study-abroad experience at the WMWTA 2019 award ceremony.

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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 2018

Applications are due April 13, 2018 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 _____