

Scholarship Program

Spanish Studies Abroad is pleased to offer two scholarship options for students attending our regular academic programs in Spain, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Panama, and Cuba. You may apply for only **one** scholarship: **Merit-Based** or **Diversity**.

Merit-Based Scholarship

This scholarship is specially designed for students with a strong passion for the Spanish language. Strong preference will be given to students who demonstrate great dedication to their study of Spanish both in and out of the classroom.

Prompt: For this essay, share a personal life story that demonstrates your dedication to learning Spanish and how you have gone above and beyond in your acquisition of the language.

Diversity Scholarship

This scholarship is specially designed for students from diverse backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in Study Abroad including, but not limited to the areas of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic background, age, religion, disabilities, as well as first-generation students and non-traditional students.

Prompt: In this essay, describe a unique chapter in your life that has contributed to making you an applicant for this specific scholarship.

Additional Instructions for both Scholarships

- > Essay entries should be no longer than 500 words and written in English.
- Please include your name, program, and home college or university in the top right-hand corner of the essay.
- Completed Scholarship applications should be submitted to <u>info@ssabroad.org</u> with "Diversity Scholarship Essay" or "Merit-Based Scholarship Essay" in the subject line.
- > In addition to the main prompts, applicants are also encouraged to explain how receiving the award would help them to make the most of their experience with Spanish Studies Abroad.
- > Be creative! This is your chance to set yourself apart!



> GPA Requirements and Award Amounts:

	Merit-Based Scholarship	Diversity Scholarship
Cumulative GPA Requirement:	3.5	3.0
Semester/Academic Year Awards:	\$1,500	
May/Summer/January Awards:	\$500	

> Deadlines:

**The deadlines for both Spanish Studies Abroad Scholarships are the same as the regular program deadlines:

Program Term	Program Application and Scholarship Deadline	
Academic Year	May 15	
Fall Semester	May 15	
Spring Semester	October 15	
Spring Semester + January Term	October 15	
January Term	October 15	
May Term/Summer Programs	April 15	



Notes:

- Students may apply for the Merit-Based or Diversity Scholarship before their acceptance to the program, but only accepted students may receive a scholarship.
- Receipt of a Spanish Studies Abroad Scholarship, as with all scholarship awards, may affect your overall financial aid package at your home institution.
- > Late scholarship applications will not be considered. No exceptions.
- Students who are part of customized group programs through their home universities are not eligible for scholarships.
- For additional information and other outside scholarship offerings, please visit <u>https://ssabroad.org/programs/scholarships/</u>.