

GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Program



WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP?

- ★ The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity.
- ★ The scholarship offers those eligible up to \$5,000.
- ★ The Institute of International Education has administered the program since its inception in 2001.

WHO QUALIFIES?

- ★ Must be a citizen or national of the U.S.
- ★ Undergraduate in good academic standing
- ★ Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during time of application
- ★ In the process of applying or accepted into credit-bearing study abroad or internship program
- ★ Must be traveling to travel advisory level 1 or 2 according to the US department of State's travel advisory system



APPLICATION PROCESS?

- ③ Compose your essays first in a word processing program, and then upload the file to your online application. Please use 1-inch margins and Times New Roman 12-point font for each of your essays.
- ③ Your essay should be composed in paragraph format, not as numbered responses to the questions in the application.
 - ③ The **Statement of Purpose Essay** is limited to 7,000 characters (including spaces).
 - ③ The **Building Mutual Understanding Essay** is limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces).
 - ③ The **Follow-on Service Project Proposal** is limited to 3,000 characters (including spaces).
 - ③ The optional **Critical Need Language Award essay** has a 2,000 character limit (including spaces).
- ③ Ensure that your essays address the prompt/theme.
- ③ Please preview your essays once you have uploaded them into the application to ensure the correct file was uploaded.



APPLICATION PROCESS?

- Official* and Current HCU transcript
- Request at National Student Clearinghouse
- Order a transcript and look up Houston Baptist University
- Fill out information and pay (\$5)



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE ESSAY

5 Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Do you make a connection between your program and goals?
- Do you make a connection between your country and goals?
- Do you share how you will be academically successful on your program?
- Do you give examples of your experience, skills, and knowledge that you will use to meet program challenges?
- Do you address how this abroad experience will impact



BUILDING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ESSAY

These are questions that the Gilman Foundation recommends that you ask yourself in order to write your essay:

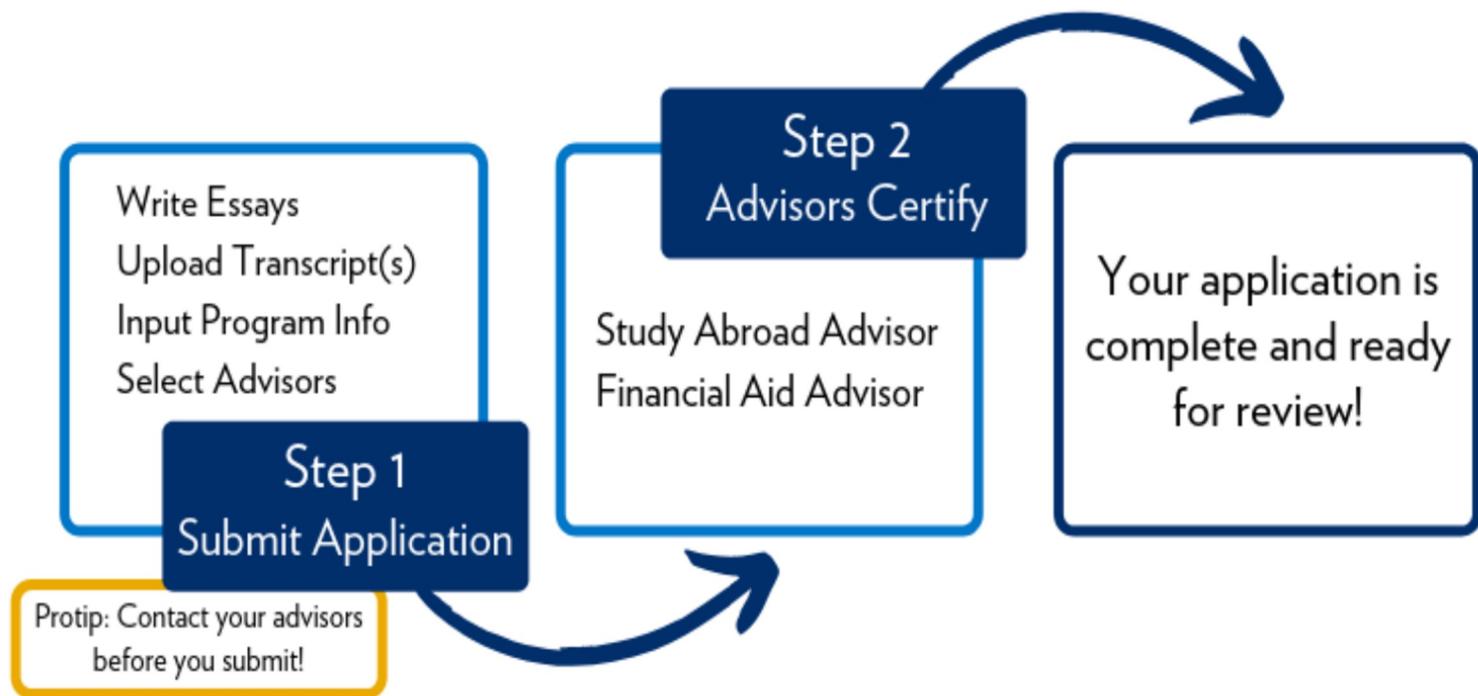
- ❑ Do you articulate how you will represent the United States as a citizen diplomat while abroad?
- ❑ Do you explain how you will contribute to the goal of building mutual understanding?
- ❑ Do you discuss how you will look for opportunities to build meaningful relationships and become more culturally engaged?



FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECT ESSAY

This essay is what project you are going to do once you are back from your study abroad trip to complete this requirement:

- Does your FOSP increase awareness of the Gilman Scholarship and study abroad? • Is your project feasible?
- Do you give a detailed plan for your project?
- Do you include your study abroad experience into your project?
- Do you have an intended audience? Who will you collaborate with to reach this community?



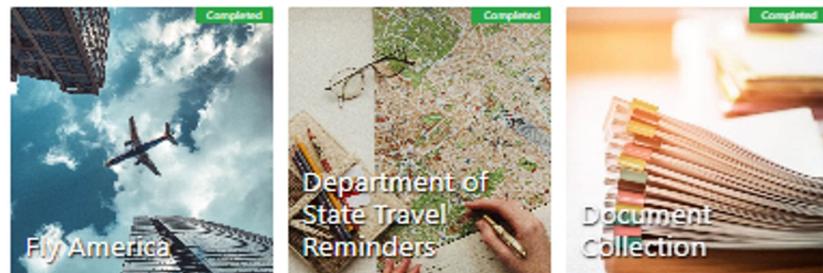
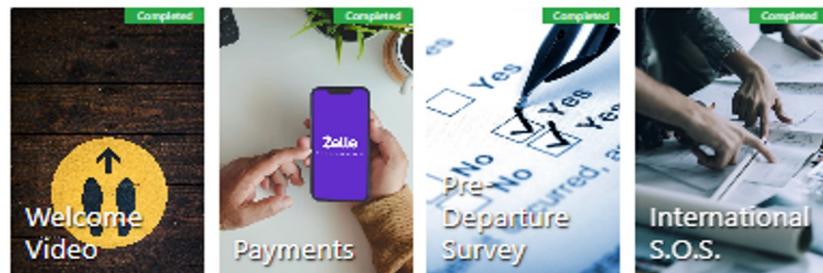
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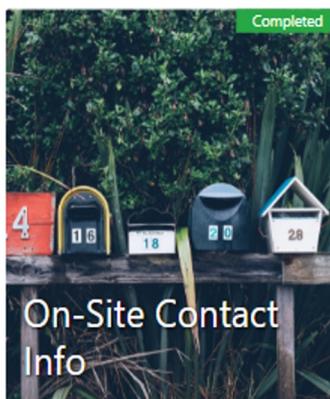


Congratulations on accepting your Gilman award! Please complete the below required materials.

Thank you for completing your Gilman Scholarship recipient requirements!



Please contact your Gilman advisor if you have any questions about notifications and requests while you are abroad.





BENEFITS FROM BEING A RECIPIENT

- ❑ Receive up to \$5,000 in scholarship
- ❑ Network of other alumni (Webinars, meet & greets etc.)
- ❑ Non-competitive Eligibility (NCE) for Federal employment
 - Gilman alumna/us can receive a job offer with as little as an open position and a resume that reflects the necessary experience and education for an agency.
- ❑ Resume Builder



DEADLINES



**APPLICATION
OPENS**

Mid-January 2023



**STUDENT
DEADLINE**

March 9, 2023
11:59pm PT



**ADVISOR
CERTIFICATION
DEADLINE**

March 16, 2023 11:59pm
PT



**EMAIL
NOTIFICATION**

May 2023

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<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org>

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