

Skagit Valley College
STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL FUND
Information & Instructions

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is pleased to announce a new source of funding to help students with financial need to participate in academic study abroad programs. The SVC Study Abroad Travel Fund is a joint project of the SVC Foundation and the SVC International Travel Club.

Eligible Applicants. Any student who is enrolled in good standing at Skagit Valley College at the time of application or at the time the study abroad program takes place, is eligible to apply for these funds. Applicant must demonstrate financial need and agree to register for credit for the course(s) offered by the program, unless the applicant has previously earned credits for the same course. The applicant must participate in all required course activities even if not enrolled for credit.

Qualifying Study Abroad Programs. The applicant must be applying to, or have been accepted by, a study abroad program that includes college-level, credit-bearing course work, whether offered by SVC, Washington State Community College Consortium (WCCCSA) or one of its partner colleges. Programs offered by other providers must be approved by the Travel Fund Committee before funds may be awarded. Deadlines for receipt of applications will vary depending on the dates for the study abroad program the student has chosen.

How to apply.

1. Student timely submits official application form, essay and letter of recommendation to the SVC Study Abroad Advisor (Ted Maloney, ted.maloney@skagit.edu). Download form at <http://www.skagit.edu/directory.asp?Q=pagenumber+E+585>.
2. Study Abroad Advisor forwards application documents to the Study Abroad Travel Fund Committee members.
3. Committee meets to review applications, select recipients and determine the amount of the award. The number of recipients and amount of awards is at the sole discretion of the Committee, subject to availability of funds.
4. Committee submits award recommendations to the SVC Foundation.
5. Foundation makes determination for approval based on Committee recommendations and Travel Fund criteria. (Foundation may also make determination for use of other Foundation funds, if available, based on Committee recommendation).
6. Student receives award letter from the Foundation with instructions on release of funds and any conditions attached to funding.

After the Award.

1. Funds awarded will be paid directly by the Foundation to the study abroad program provider identified by the applicant. If the awardee withdraws from the program, or if the program is canceled, any refund must be paid directly to the Foundation.
2. While abroad, the awardee must send regular reports (blog) to the SVC International Travel Club (ITC) Study Abroad Officer, via Facebook or other suitable media.
3. Upon return to SVC, the awardee must give one or more presentations (speech, newspaper article, display, etc.) about the completed program and assist ITC in promoting study abroad and the Travel Fund to other students.