



Grand Rapids Community Foundation
ECONOMIC CLUB OF GRAND RAPIDS
BUSINESS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*



The Economic Club of Grand Rapids established a fund in 2000 to provide financial assistance to students pursuing study abroad in business. The Economic Club is an association of individuals interested in and contributing to the growing economic health of the Grand Rapids metropolitan area. One (or more) scholarships of up to \$2500 will be awarded annually. The applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must have sophomore or above standing at the time of application in an undergraduate business program or in a graduate level business program at any public college or university of their choice. Applicant must have a declared major in accounting, business administration, economics, managerial science (all areas), mathematics, computer science, engineering, marketing, or fields of study related to business or economics.
- Applicant must have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Applicant must be a resident of Kent, Allegan, Ottawa, or Muskegon counties for the prior three years **or** must be a resident student at a public college or university in the West Michigan area for the prior two years or more consecutively.
- Foreign study programs must be endorsed and accepted as a part of or as a credit course in the applicant's degree granting college or university. Funds must be administered through the home college/university financial aid office.
- The recipient will be asked to deliver a brief oral presentation to the Economic Club of Grand Rapids within six months of return to the United States.

Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1 to: Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 209-C Waters Building, 161 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2757. Decisions will be publicly announced after June 15.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle) _____

Local Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

County _____ **Number of years at this address** _____

Phone: Home _____ **Business** _____

E-Mail _____

Temporary (college) address _____ **Zip** _____

During the school year, it is best to reach me at the following phone number _____

Name of College/University _____

Major course of study _____

Present year in college _____ **Anticipated date of graduation** _____

INTERNATIONAL STUDY INFORMATION

Study Abroad Program Name _____

Study Abroad Program Location (Country) _____

Are you required to know a foreign language to participate in this program?

If so, what language? _____

Semester/dates you plan to study abroad _____

List courses you have taken relevant to your study abroad and your declared major

Course	Credit Hours	Grade

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

List organizations/business club memberships

List awards/honors received since entering college

STATEMENT OF GOALS - Attach a statement (not to exceed two double-spaced, typewritten pages) indicating why you desire to study abroad or participate in an international program.

LETTERS OF REFERENCE - Attach two letters of reference. The letters should include information on the applicant's abilities, potential, character and participation in the community.

1. Letter from teacher, counselor or administrator of college/university
2. Letter from elected public official in Kent, Ottawa or Muskegon Counties.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND TRANSCRIPT – Attach a copy of acceptance letter from the college/university office of international study and your most recent available transcript (unofficial transcript will suffice).

FINANCIAL NEED - Complete the Student Information portion of the Financial Information Form. Follow the instructions on the form for completion.

SIGNATURE

In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to the use of my name, likeness and information contained in my application for promotional purposes for the Grand Rapids Community Foundation without further compensation or notification.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Additional forms may be duplicated or downloaded from www.grfoundation.org



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Economic Club Business Study Abroad Scholarship* Financial Information

The lower portion of this form is to be completed by the College Financial Aid office by April 15. Please allow at least two weeks for the Financial Aid office to process it. The application will not be considered without this information.

Applicant Information (to be completed by the student)

Name _____ Street Address _____ Apt. # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____
(last 4 digits only)

Parent/Guardian Names

Mother _____ Father _____
Other Guardian _____

Parents' marital status Married Single Divorced
Applicant's marital status Single Married

Authorization to Release Information

I authorize (name of college/university) _____ to release information requested to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation for consideration during the scholarship selection process.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____
(both signatures required for students with Dependent status)

Additional Information (must be completed by the College Financial Aid office)

To the Financial Aid Officer: Prior year information for returning students is acceptable. Contact Ruth Bishop at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 616/454-1751 x103 if you have any questions. Please return form to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation by April 15.

Applicant is considered:
 Independent Dependent
Gross annual income \$ _____ Parents' adjusted gross annual income: \$ _____

Total dependents other than spouse: _____ Total size of parents' household, including applicant: _____

Assessed Need

Anticipated Budget:

	Total Expense Budget	Funds Provided by Student (do not include loans)	Funds from Other Sources
Travel			
Tuition			
Room and Board			
Other			
TOTALS			

College Recommendation

Receiving a grant will will not adversely affect the applicant's eligibility for other grants other than subsidized loans

Signature _____ Title _____
College _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Mail or fax completed form to:

Grand Rapids Community Foundation • 209C Waters Building • 161 Ottawa Ave NW • Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Fax (616) 454-6455

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