

Application Instructions
Leona Zaharis Scholarship

Instructions

- ❑ Submit the following documents via email (teresa-kout@uiowa.edu) or in-person at the Study Abroad office (1111 University Capitol Centre, Iowa City, IA 52242-5500) by the application deadline:
 - ❶ Application (one page)
 - ❷ Personal Statement Essay

Eligibility

University of Iowa undergraduate students who are planning to study abroad who are first-generation (parent(s) did not attend college) OR not first-generation but graduated from an Iowa high school and who have federal eligibility for financial aid may be eligible for a Leona Zaharis Scholarship. Recipients of the Leona Zaharis Scholarship who apply for other awards may receive need-based grants or merit-based scholarships concurrently.

Special Considerations

If there are any special considerations, concerns or barriers to your participation in study abroad that you would like us to be aware of or help you address, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your study abroad advisor. You may also contact our office regarding diversity-related issues via e-mail: study-abroad@uiowa.edu.

Expectations

This scholarship, established by Cathy Zaharis (BBA finance '82) in honor of her mother, Leona Zaharis, a life-long resident of Iowa, seeking to encourage curiosity and exploring the world through Study Abroad.

Upon return, students will be encouraged to share experiences by participating an annual event celebrating Cathy Zaharis' generous gift in her mother, Leona's name. Additionally, students are strongly encouraged to share their experiences with Study Abroad and prospective students by engaging with our social media pages, blogging from abroad, and/or submitting photos/video to use in promotional materials.

Deadlines

The Leona Zaharis Scholarship application deadlines are listed on the Study Abroad website:
<http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding/>

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee and processed through Study Abroad in UI International Programs. All applicants will be notified of results via email at the conclusion of the process, several weeks after the application deadline.

Confidentiality Statement

The UI requests this information for the purpose of making a recommendation concerning your application for a scholarship. This information will be shared with administrators of the scholarship program. In addition, notices about recipients of UI-administered scholarship programs may be sent to hometown newspapers for publication. No other persons outside the University are routinely provided this information.

① *Application*

Leona Zaharis Scholarship
University of Iowa
Study Abroad in International Programs

I will be studying abroad next:

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- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer session (dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter session (dates) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Year | |
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Which of the following student groups do you identify with? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First-generation college students | <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa high school graduate (please specify high school): |
| OR | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal financial aid eligibility |

Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Year <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Student ID: _____	Major(s): _____
Current Mailing Address: _____	Minor/certificate: _____
_____	Semester hours earned: _____ GPA: _____
Home phone #: _____	Expected date of graduation: _____
E-Mail address: _____	Anticipated destination: _____
Program (if known): _____	Sponsoring Institution: _____

Please describe your proposed course of study and why you have chosen this destination and program.

2 Personal Statement

Name _____

Please write a 350 – 500 word essay incorporating your responses to the following questions.

- Has your experience as a first-generation student impacted your academic and/or personal goals? If so, how?
- How might your time abroad (as first-generation or Iowa high school graduate) help you understand your unique place in the world?
- Please describe a challenge you have faced based on your first-generation identification and how you have handled the challenge. What challenges and/or opportunities do you think might arise based on your experience during your study abroad program?