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BENJAMIN A.  
**GILMAN**  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships to  
Study & Intern Abroad



China



Sweden

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# What It Is

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- **The Gilman International Scholarship is sponsored by the US Department of State and is offered to US undergraduate students to promote global awareness and international education.**

# Who Can Apply?

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## **US citizens who:**

- are undergraduate students**
- are receiving a Federal Pell Grant**
- and have been accepted in a study abroad program for at least**
- 28 days or 14 days for C.C. students**

# **Selection Criteria: Priority Will Be Given To...**

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- Students with high financial need**
- Students from diverse ethnic backgrounds**
- Students going to non-traditional countries**
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions such as Mesa College**
- Students with disabilities**
- First generation college students**
- STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)**

# Summer 2017 Timelines

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- Application Opens → Mid-January 2017**
- Student Deadline to Submit → March 7, 2017**
- Advisor Deadline to Certify → March 14, 2017**
- Applicant Notification → Late May/ early June 2017**
- Scholarship recipients must accept/decline their award and submit required documentation → June 2016**

# Amount Awarded

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- Between \$2,000.00 and \$5,000.00 per student for summer programs**

# Application Process I

## Transcripts

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- All documents must be uploaded to the Gilman website
- Submit your current official university transcript

### Must include:

- Completed term before application
- Current “in progress” term
- Submit your transfer university transcript (if you transferred from another school)

# Application Process II

## Essays

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- Essay 1: Statement of Purpose**
- There is a limit of 7,000 characters including spaces (a page and a half)**
- DO NOT include any formatting such as underline, bold, *italics*, etc.**
- This is the most important part of your application**
- It cannot have typos and orthographic errors**
- It must be well written and reasoned**



# Application Process III

## Essays

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- Essay 2: Follow-on Service Project Proposal**
- Explain how you will give back by inspiring others to pursue their own**
- Experiences abroad.**
- Briefly outline your proposed project to promote the Gilman**
- Scholarship and international education**

# The Essays

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- They will determine whether you receive this scholarship or not**
- There are only two essays of 1½ pages each**
- Go to the Writing Center to get editing assistance**

# Get Assistance

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- ❑ **Consult with the Mesa College advisors and the Financial Aid office**
  
- ❑ **GILMAN ADVISOR- Professor Dora Schoenbrun-Fernández**  
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~ 619-388-2228
  
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- ❑ **Get tips in the Gilman website:**  
[http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program/  
ApplicationProcess/Tips](http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program/ApplicationProcess/Tips)