

3. What personal qualities or experiences qualify you to be a good representative of the Florence Sister County Commission- Santa Clara County and your University?

4. List any college level courses that you have taken in Italian language or about Italian culture.

5. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to pay the costs above and beyond the amount provided by the scholarship. Please indicate the estimated cost of the program, as well as the amount and source(s) of funds available.

Estimated total cost of program: \$ _____
(Tuition, Fees, Housing, Meals, Personal Expenses, etc.)

Total Funds Available: \$ _____

Source(s): _____

6. Please attach the following to this application:

- Transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
- Statement of Purpose (no more than one page, please!)
- Letter of Recommendation forms: Two from academic instructors or departmental advisor and one from supervisor if full or part-time employed. Please use enclosed form or have them use official letterhead. Recommendations need not accompany the scholarship application, however, they are subject to the same deadline.

I certify that the information given in this application is true and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this application to:

Wendy Teague, Commissioner, Education Committee Chair
Florence Sister County Commission
Office of County Executive
County of Santa Clara
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, CA 95110

Application Deadline: April 2, 2010
Notification: Early May 2010

For qualification all application materials must be received at the County offices no later than April 2, 2010. Materials after this date will be disqualified.



County of Santa Clara/Province of Florence, Italy
Sister-County Commission

Scholarship Recommendation Form

Name of Student: _____
First Name MI Last Name

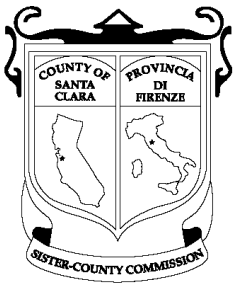
Social Security Number: _____ Major: _____

The Scholarship Committee appreciates your willingness to comment on the applicant's strengths and potential for success. Your responses will be given serious consideration in the evaluation of the student's ability to benefit from studying abroad for his/her personal development and career goals. You may use the reverse for additional comments. You may also write this recommendation on official letterhead, but please address all of the questions.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Describe the strengths of the applicant and their potential for success on a study abroad program?
3. How would you rate the applicant's motivation and initiative in pursuing academic and career goals?
4. In what way would an academic year abroad contribute to the applicant's academic and/or professional development?
5. Overall Rating (please check one):
Strongly Recommended _____ Recommended _____
Recommended with Reservation _____ Not Recommended _____

Name _____ Signature _____
Title or Position _____ Employer _____
Telephone # _____ Date _____

Please return this recommendation to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap.



County of Santa Clara/Province of Florence, Italy **Sister-County Commission**

Study Abroad Scholarship **For University Students on the Florence, Italy Program**

The County of Santa Clara and the Province of Florence have a Sister-County relationship that promotes intercultural and educational exchange between these regions. Every year the Santa Clara Sister-County Commission offers scholarships to university students who are participating for an academic year in a University approved International Program in Florence, Italy.

Amount of Scholarships:

The Florence Sister County Commission may approve scholarships from \$750.00 up to \$3,000 (per year), awarded to one or more students, depending on qualification of applicants. Money is dispersed in half increments, per each academic semester.

Criteria:

1. Academic Excellence – 3.0 cumulative GPA or above, with preference given to those with higher GPA and better qualifications
2. Must be a resident of Santa Clara County for at least six months
3. Must be a matriculated student participating in a University certified study abroad program in Florence, Italy
4. Must have completed 60 units or more by time of departure for the program
5. Must have an interest in Italian culture and some knowledge of the Italian language as demonstrated by a minimum of one semester of college-level Italian. Preference given to students with more language experience.
6. Must complete application, including copies of transcripts, statement of purpose and letters of recommendation.

Upon completion of the exchange program, program participants are expected to:

1. Write an evaluative report about their experiences abroad for future applicants.
2. Contribute to the internationalization of their University.
3. Assist with the promotion of study abroad and exchange with Florence, Italy and Sister County Commission Activities.

For more information or an application, please contact:

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Tel. (408) 244-8368 xt.101 Email: wendy@garciateague.com or sistercounties@ceo.sccgov.org

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