

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, Scholarship Program 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**

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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