



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. If awarded a scholarship, payment will be by check from the County of Santa Clara, once confirmed study has begun in Florence, Italy. Before leaving for Italy, a photograph/headshot will be required for all scholarship awardees for Florence Commission use.

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 U.S Citizen, and 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. Written proof of acceptance into approved accredited study abroad program is required.
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. To be e-mailed upon your return to: Gwen.Mitchell@ceo.sccgov.org
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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Application Deadline: April 3, 2009

Notification: May 2009