



## **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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**Application Deadline:**  
May 9, 2011

**Possible request for Interviews:**  
May, 2011

**Notification:**  
June, 2011

**For qualification all application materials must be received at the County offices no later than May 9, 2011.** Materials after this date will be disqualified.