

With the assistance of a renewal grant from the New York Community Trust DeWitt Wallace/Youth Travel Enrichment Fund, the City University of New York is offering Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) scholarships. The STOCS Program assists CUNY students participating in short-term CUNY study abroad programs by awarding scholarships ranging from \$750 to \$1500.

To be eligible for a Winter 2008-09 STOCS scholarship, CUNY students must meet the following criteria and submit a complete application by the STOCS application deadline (5:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008):

1. All applicants must file a 2008-09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form by **September 15, 2008**. We strongly encourage students to fill out the application through the U.S. Department of Education FAFSA website at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. (See part C-1 of application)
2. Only CUNY students who will participate in STOCS-eligible CUNY study abroad programs are eligible (list of STOCS-eligible programs is attached). Students must have applied to a STOCS-eligible study abroad program before the STOCS application deadline.
3. Students must be enrolled undergraduates at the time of studying abroad.
4. Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
5. Students with a household income of more than \$75,000 are not eligible (as stipulated by the New York Community Trust).
6. Previous STOCS scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Additional Information:

- The STOCS Project Award Committee, a group of CUNY faculty and administrators, will review and evaluate your application based on the information provided in your Application Form, Personal Statement, Letter of Recommendation, Official Student Transcript, and FAFSA.
- Award winners will be notified on or after November 7, 2008.
- Award winners must agree to complete an online survey to provide feedback about the study abroad experience.

Questions?

Please see:

www.cuny.edu/studyabroad

or e-mail:

international.ed@mail.cuny.edu

Send applications to:

STOCS Program
International Education/Office of Academic Affairs
The City University of New York
535 East 80th Street
New York, NY 10075

Please **CLEARLY** type or print the following information legibly in black or blue ink. Applicants must complete all six parts (A-F) to be considered for a STOCS scholarship. Applications missing any of the above information will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.

A. Personal Information:

1. Full Name _____
First *Last*

2. Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

3. E-mail Address: _____

4. Social Security Number: _____

5. Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

6. Date of Birth: _____

7. Country of Citizenship: _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen, provide nine-digit Alien Registration Number: _____

8. CUNY College where enrolled: _____

8a. Are you a CUNY Honors College student? *Circle one:* YES NO

9. Declared Major: _____

10. Total credits earned up to 12/2008: _____ Expected date of graduation: ____/____ (Month/Year)

11. Current class standing: *Circle one:* FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

12. Cumulative GPA: _____

Note: You must also send an official copy of your most recent transcript as evidence of your current GPA.

13. Have you traveled or lived overseas before? *Circle one:* YES NO

If so, please specify place, reason, and length of stay:

B. Program Information

1. a) Name of the study abroad program in which you plan to participate:

- b) Sponsoring CUNY college:

Note: Please refer to the STOCS-eligible program list attached or on the www.cuny.edu/studyabroad.

2. Name of the study abroad program director: _____

3. Have you applied to this program? *Circle one:* YES NO

4. If decisions have not yet been made, when will you be notified if you have been accepted? _____

C. Financial Aid Information

1. All STOCS applicants must file a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, regardless of whether or not they are considered eligible for financial aid.** Forms are available at your college's financial aid office or may be filled out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The deadline to file a FAFSA in order to be considered for a STOCS Scholarship is **September 15, 2008**. This information must be accessible by the **October 3, 2008 STOCS Application Deadline**, and takes several weeks to process. Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of financial information accessed through FAFSA.

Date FAFSA was filed: _____

2. Total cost of program (see attached listing of STOCS-eligible programs): _____

3. Are you currently receiving financial aid? *Circle one:* YES NO

If yes, please specify _____

Please Note: Applicants should not rely solely on a STOCS scholarship to pay for the study abroad program. STOCS scholarships are both limited and competitive. Awards will only cover a portion of the study abroad program cost. Applicants should be sure to plan for additional ways of financing their time spent abroad.

D. Letter of Recommendation

Please include a letter of recommendation from a **CUNY faculty member** (other than the director of your study abroad program) **who is familiar with your academic work**. Provide the attached form (D.1) to the faculty member who is writing your recommendation letter.

We prefer that you include the completed, signed and sealed letter of recommendation as part of your application package. If necessary, the faculty member may send the letter of recommendation directly to the STOCS program. Your application will be considered incomplete if the letter of recommendation is not received by the October 3, 2008 deadline.

E. Personal Statement: Study Abroad Goals and Expectations

In 500 words or less, please explain how your participation in this *particular study abroad program* will advance your personal, educational, and/or career goals.

F. I, _____ (print name), certify that all the information on this application and personal statement is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, true and my own.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional Information (optional)

Your response to the following question is voluntary. The information is collected to meet reporting requirements and will be kept confidential. Information will not be released except in the form of statistical summaries.

G. Which category best describes you?

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Black, non-Hispanic | 4. Asian or Pacific Islander |
| 2. White, non-Hispanic | 5. American Indian/Native Alaskan |
| 3. Hispanic | 6. Other, please specify: _____ |

Recommendation Form (D.1)

Dear Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to recommend the applicant to the Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) Project Awards Committee. The STOCS Project is a competitive scholarship program which awards a limited number of qualified CUNY undergraduate students with scholarships to defray the costs of participating in an eligible CUNY short-term study abroad program.

Your letter will serve as a critical component of our overall evaluation of the candidate and should clearly state:

- **how long, and under what circumstances, you have been familiar with the candidate and his/her academic work, and**
- **your evaluation of this student's ability to benefit from a study abroad experience.**

Please fill out the form below and attach it to your letter of recommendation, which is to be submitted on official letterhead in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Candidates are responsible for submitting letters of recommendation along with their application packets. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
 The STOCS Program Awards Committee
 International Education/Office of Academic Affairs
 The City University of New York
 535 East 80th Street
 New York, NY 10075

Applicant's Name: _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Recommender's Title: _____

Department: _____ **College:** _____

Telephone Number: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Recommender's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please evaluate the applicant's suitability for participation in a study abroad program.

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | No opportunity to observe |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ability to adapt to new or unstructured circumstances | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self-reliance/independence | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ability to relate well to others | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Open-mindedness | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Transcript Request Form

To the Applicant:

Please enter the information below and submit this form to the Registrar at your college with a request that the transcript be mailed directly to the STOCS Program by October 3, 2008.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

To the Registrar:

The student named above has applied for a Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) Scholarship. Official academic transcripts are requested as part of the scholarship application. The applicant's transcript should be mailed directly to the STOCS Program at the address below to be received by October 3, 2008.

Thank you!

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Application Check-List:

- Personal statement included with application
- FAFSA filed on www.fafsa.ed.gov or with your college financial aid office
- Official transcript from your college registrar
(Transcript may be submitted with the STOCS application in a sealed envelope or sent directly from your college registrar to the STOCS program.)
- Letter of recommendation
(Please remember that this should be an academic reference. The letter should be submitted with the STOCS application in a sealed envelope, or, if necessary, sent directly from the recommender to the STOCS program.)

Please send your completed application to the STOCS office at the following address by the October 3, 2008 deadline:

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