

Interest in Being Nominated for the **GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Interested students

Fill out the following form, then set up a time to meet with your program's faculty director and present the completed form to them. Be prepared to discuss your current financial situation and preparation for the program.

Full name _____

E-mail address _____

BYU ID number _____

BYU NetID _____

International study program _____

Semester and year of program _____

Your year in school: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th+ Grad

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Have you participated in an international study experience before at any point in your life? Examples include an internship, study abroad, field school, or direct enrollment. Yes No

Have you submitted the current year's FAFSA? Yes No

Estimated program cost (what BYU will charge you PLUS anything essential that is not included in BYU charges, such as flights, meals, etc.) _____

What scholarships have you applied for? _____

Your personal contribution

What is the total amount of personal funds you will contribute to attend your program (including all personal savings, future work savings, or other attempts to personally collect money for you to attend the program)?

What is the total amount of loans you have taken out specifically to pay for your international experience?

What is the total amount of family and friend contributions you have received to pay for your international experience? _____

Do you currently work? Yes No

If yes, how many hours a week do you work? _____

Program directors

The Global Opportunity Scholarship is funded 100% by private donors. The purpose is to provide just enough funding assistance to create an opportunity for students who, after doing all they can do for themselves, need a little more help to have an educational experience abroad. We call it the “scholarship of last resort.”

Why faculty? BYU faculty are key to the Global Opportunity Scholarship process. You are program gatekeepers and the ones who can best identify students with financial need that are best qualified to participate in your program. As many program directors in the past have asked for help in deciding which student to nominate from their program, we have come up with a way to help you process the students that are interested in the scholarship, so that you will know which one is best for nomination.

STEP ONE Students will fill out the form for interested students.

STEP TWO Students will meet with you to discuss their personal and financial situations.

STEP THREE Before the due date, you should look over all the forms you have collected and the interviews you have conducted, then decide which **ONE** student you would like to nominate and fill out the nomination form online (due dates and nomination form can be found at kennedy.byu.edu/nominate-a-student). Make sure to review the student portion of this form as you make your final decision. **After filling out the online nomination, please dispose of the student forms properly, as they contain sensitive information.**

The Kennedy Center will then send a scholarship application to your nominee and inform you (and the nominee) of the results after all nominees have been interviewed and final decisions have been made.

How to do your part

Ensure student eligibility: Before you nominate a student, be sure this is their first academic experience abroad. Funding is only available for BYU students participating in approved BYU International Study Programs. Also, students should do everything they can to secure funding first, including contacting family and friends, creating a financial plan/budget, and completing their (FAFSA) Federal Financial Aid Score. All of this information will be reviewed with them in a personal interview to ensure financial eligibility.

What does the ideal student look like? Someone whom you, the professor, deem qualified, but who never thought they could participate in the program because of financial restraints. Please be sure to have an open and frank conversation with the student about their financial and personal situations prior to nominating them. We have provided many questions on the student’s portion of the form to help you get a better idea of their financial situation.

Questions you might want to ask interested students:

- What do you hope to gain from participating in this program?
- How do you see this experience adding to your future career/personal goals?
- What difficulties have you overcome getting to this point to participate in an international study program?
- How have you budgeted and prepared to pay for this program?
- What other scholarships and funding sources have you applied for or reached out to?
- What do you plan on doing between now and when the program starts to continue to try and pay for the program? OR is there anything else you can do to secure additional funding?
- Have you completed your FAFSA application? (Students must have a current FAFSA application on file with the university.)

Questions? Please see our faculty page: kennedy.byu.edu/nominate-a-student