



The Doe Thornburg Scholarship

The International Women Associates (IWA), founded in 1978 by Doe Thornburg, is a 501(c)(3) Chicago based cultural and educational organization. IWA members, who come from a wide variety of countries and international experiences, engage in cross-cultural exchange, friendship, education, philanthropy, and community service. By connecting people of diverse international backgrounds through our programs and with other organizations, IWA works towards increasing global understanding. More information about IWA may be found on its website: www.iwachicago.org.

In keeping with IWA's vision to promote understanding and cooperation among people of all nations, IWA offers a scholarship to help support an undergraduate student who is studying abroad. Scholarships are awarded annually to each of the IWA Partner Institutions. *

Scholarship value: US \$1,000.00 (applicable only to tuition and course-related expenses).

Eligibility Criteria:

- Student who is a US citizen or US permanent resident;
- Undergraduate degree-seeking student attending an IWA Partner Institution* and studying abroad for at least one semester in the fall or for a summer program for full-time credit;
- Student accepted in a university-affiliated study abroad program;
- Minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0.

IWA Board Members and Scholarship Selection Committee and their family members are not eligible.

Application Submission Process and Timeline:

- The online application form is available at <https://forms.gle/QCeNFecGRRXqNtHP9> starting on March 1, 2026.
- Applicant must submit completed online application and a resume via email to dtscholarship@iwachicago.org by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on April 1, 2026.
- In addition, a letter of recommendation must be submitted by applicant's professor or advisor via email to dtscholarship@iwachicago.org by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on April 1, 2026.

Applicant will be notified of decision no later than May 1, 2025. The winning applicant will be required to share with IWA, in verbal or written form, at an IWA Annual Meeting or other suitable occasion, their "study abroad experience." They will be required to sign a contract which defines their obligations.

Scholarship Award Criteria:

The applicant should identify their experiences, skills and personal goals. They should explain why they want to study abroad and how doing so would fulfill the mission of IWA. The following information should also be included:

- Academic achievement;
- Leadership recognition;
- Community service, extra-curricular activities, family responsibilities;
- Financial need priority.

Questions and comments: dtscholarship@iwachicago.org. Only emails will be accepted.

*IWA Partner Institutions: Northwestern University, Columbia College, University of Illinois at Chicago, and School of the Art Institute of Chicago.