

APPLICATION FOR *PHI SIGMA IOTA* MERIT SCHOLARSHIP - 2009  
Sigma Sigma Chapter; Rutgers, the State University

The annual *Phi Sigma Iota* Merit Scholarship is an endowed scholarship with the following criteria:

This scholarship is to be awarded to undergraduate members of *Phi Sigma Iota* based on merit (overall cumulative average, average in foreign languages taken at Rutgers, and level of study achieved). Priority will be given to current *Phi Sigma Iota* members (i.e., juniors and seniors), but second semester sophomores who may expect to qualify for membership in a subsequent semester will be considered, as will graduate students for summer study programs. Priority may be given to students who are applying for study abroad options offered through Rutgers; students whose target language is not included in the Rutgers study abroad programs will also be considered. In the selection process, preference will be given to students who have not previously had the opportunity to study abroad and have not been granted some other special Rutgers award for this purpose. Preference will also be given to those without extensive travel or living experience in the target country.

The application consists of: the present form; a brief essay; an official copy of the current Rutgers transcript; and two letters of recommendation from language faculty, at least one of which must address in detail the applicant's competency (written and oral) in the target language. All materials should be submitted to

**Prof. Derek Schilling;**  
**Rutgers, the State University; Dept. of French;**  
**Ruth Adams Building, Suite 103, Douglass Campus;**  
**131 George St.; New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1414.**

***Deadline is 23 March 2009 at 12:00 P.M.***

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Name:

College:

Major(s):

Class:

(Graduate students should indicate degree sought and expected completion date.)

Local Address:

Local Phone Number:

E-mail:

Permanent Address and Phone Number:

If you are already a member of Phi Sigma Iota, when and where you were initiated:

If you are not already a member, when you expect to qualify:

Identify the Study Abroad program to which you would wish to apply the Phi Sigma Iota Merit Scholarship. (If the program is not sponsored by Rutgers, explain your reasons for choosing it.) PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU MUST HAVE ALREADY APPLIED TO THIS PROGRAM BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

Indicate if you have already been accepted into this program or the status of your application:

Please identify any other special Rutgers scholarships which you have received or applied for that may be applied to this same Study Abroad program:

If you have previously lived, traveled extensively, or studied outside the United States, indicate where, at what age, and for how long:

Please assess your level of competency in the language of the country where you wish to study:

Excellent

Good

Limited

Understand

Speak

Read

Write

Two faculty members from whom you have requested recommendations. Identify by name and language department. Specify which one(s) has been asked to evaluate your skills in the target language.

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In a brief essay of approximately 250 words, explain your reasons for wishing to participate in a study abroad program. Your essay should not only address how you stand to benefit personally from a study abroad experience in relation to your academic course of study, but should reflect more generally on the value and place of language learning in today's world. (Please type/word process your essay on a separate sheet, and attach to this application.)

Note: If the faculty selection committee for the Phi Sigma Iota Merit Scholarship cannot identify the successful candidate on the basis of written materials, finalists may be invited to oral interviews. The Chapter reserves the right not to grant a scholarship in a given year should no candidates meet the committee's minimum requirements for selection.