

GUILFORD COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS PROGRAM

History

In April 2009, the Environmental Studies Program of Guilford College was selected as one of the few colleges in the country to receive a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation. One of the core purposes of the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation is to “preserve and promote the environment.”

The Environmental Studies program is proud to announce that the program will use this grant to support merit-based student scholarships for study abroad and internship opportunities that demonstrate values and interest for the environment. We are now accepting applications from students interested in studying abroad at programs focusing on interdisciplinary, environmental studies learning.

What programs can I attend with assistance from the scholarship?

Our preference is to provide assistance for Environmental Studies majors applying programs that we have determined to be most compatible with our existing program mission. EcoQuest in New Zealand and the School for Field Studies program represent our two preferred programs for this support.

Who can apply?

Preference will be given to rising sophomore and rising junior Environmental Studies majors. Additional preference will be given to applicants that have completed ENVS 101 as well as at least one natural science and at least one social science course related to Environmental Studies. Applicants to EcoQuest must have completed 48 credit hours of college-level coursework, one natural science course, and one social science course before beginning the program.

How do I apply?

All materials necessary to apply are available on the Environmental Studies website. For Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 study abroad programs, disbursement of funds is contingent upon your acceptance into the study abroad or internship program you have selected.

To apply for a scholarship, you must provide the following completed materials in a folder with your name on the outside:

1. A completed application
2. A one- or two-page letter expressing your specific interest and qualification in the program
3. An unofficial copy of your transcript
4. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members that support the applicant’s interest and qualifications for the program (letters should be in a sealed envelope with the faculty member’s signature across the flap, or they may be sent directly to Dave Dobson by e-mail at ddobson@guilford.edu)

When are the deadlines for submitting the application package?

All application materials must be given to Dave Dobson (Frank 215) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26, 2013. All application materials should be in a folder with the applicant’s name on the outside cover.

APPLICATION

GUILFORD COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the following form and include this with your application package. The ENVS coordinators will evaluate applications. We expect to provide an award decision by December 31.

INTENDED PROGRAM OF STUDY

- Spring 2014 Scholarship for EcoQuest in New Zealand
- Spring 2014 Scholarship for School for Field Studies
- Summer 2014 Scholarship for EcoQuest in New Zealand
- Summer 2014 Scholarship for School for Field Studies
- Fall 2014 Scholarship for EcoQuest in New Zealand
- Fall 2014 Scholarship for School for Field Studies
- Spring 2015 Scholarship for EcoQuest in New Zealand
- Spring 2015 Scholarship for School for Field Studies

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name		Social Security No	
Citizenship		Date of Birth	
Current Mailing Address		Current Phone	
		E-mail	
Permanent Address		Permanent Phone	
		Alternate E-mail	
Name, Address, and Phone Number of Parent or Guardian			
Major		Name of Advisor(s)	
Credit Hours Completed (end of current semester)		Expected Graduation Date	

RESPONSE QUESTIONS FOR LETTER OF INTEREST

Please answer the following questions on separate paper in letter form that seeks to share your specific interests and qualifications for consideration for a scholarship. Return this letter with this form. Be sure to include your name on each page.

Keep in mind that there are no set requirements for admission beyond the prerequisites stated at the beginning of this form. For example, we do not expect applicants to have already had extensive outdoor or international experience. What we do expect from our students is a high level of academic engagement, demonstrated curiosity about this planet and the personal motivation to contribute to its health. The following questions are included as an opportunity for you to reveal more about yourself, and to demonstrate that you are well suited to participate in the program to which you are applying.

1. Please list any extracurricular activities in which you have participated, indicating any positions of leadership held.
2. Please list any jobs or internships you have had.
3. Please list any honors or awards you have received.
4. Please list any outdoor skills, qualifications and experience you possess.
5. Please list any experience you have had studying, living, or traveling in another country, and any languages you speak besides English.
6. Have you ever been subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action by a university or college? If so, please explain.
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or are you currently facing such charges? If so, please explain.
8. Please describe your interest in the appropriate program (internship opportunity, EcoQuest program, or School for Field Studies) what you hope to contribute, and how you expect this experience to assist in the achievement of one or more of your personal goals.
9. Students that receive the scholarship will also be expected to complete an internship with a local environmental group or agency upon return from abroad. In this way, the knowledge, skills and experience that you acquire abroad will benefit others in our local community through your internship once you return. If you have ideas about how you would like to fulfill this part of the scholarship opportunity once you return, please describe these as well in your letter of interest.

SIGNATURE

Please indicate affirmation of the following statement with your signature.

“I meet the prerequisites for participation in the program described above, and have completed this application accurately to the best of my knowledge.”

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____