Freeman-ASIA Scholarships

Purpose
To increase the disproportionally low number of students with direct exposure to the cultures and languages of East and Southeast Asia. No relation to the 80s rock group ASIA, now mostly remembered for their hit: Heat of the Moment.

Award

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Funds used for existing programs and exchanges to East and SE Asia. Eligible nations: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Number & Amount
Rough estimate is about 375 awards per year in past. Maximum award: $3000 for summer. $5000 for semester. $7000 for academic year.

Duration
Minimum: 8 weeks for Summer / 12 weeks for Semester.

Eligibility

Who
US citizen or permanent resident. Undergraduates only. 2.8 or higher GPA. Students with financial need (demonstrated by FAFSA and/or the receipt of need-based financial aid). Little or no prior exposure to host country.

When
Coordinate with plans for studying abroad. Students may not apply the award to study abroad in their final undergraduate semester.

Selection Criteria
Financial need, commitment to and demonstrated interest in East or Southeast Asian studies, quality of the service project proposal.

Campus Deadline
None.

Deadline
For summer study abroad: early March. For the Fall/Academic Year: early April. For Spring study abroad: early October.

Application
Online submission. Application form. Personal statement regarding your interest in the region. Description of pertinent travel and academic work related to the region. Service proposal for how you will promote Asian study after you return. Statement of financial need with endorsements from Financial Aid and Study Abroad adviser.

Contact
Talk with the Office of International Programs to find a study abroad program that fits your goals.

Other
Read more at www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia

If receiving a Pell Grant, look into the Gilman as well. Boren Scholarships also deal with the region.

Check out Bridging Scholarships if you will study in Japan: www.colorado.edu/callid/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html

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http://www.k-state.edu/nationalscholarships