

## **Ohio International Consortium George C. Burke Scholarship for Summer Study Abroad**

As a founding member of the Ohio International Consortium, George Burke retired from Cleveland State University in 2012 after serving that institution for 30 years. During his tenure at Cleveland State, he moved from International Advisor to Associate Dean of Students and the Director for the Center for International Students and Programs. After completing his Bachelor's degree at John Carroll University, he went on to earn his graduate degree in Public Administration at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to beginning his professional career in international education, Burke joined the Peace Corps and spent seven months in Sanniquelle, Liberia as a community development volunteer.

Burke has been an active member and leader within the field of international education. He has served many roles within NAFSA: Association of International Educators, including two terms as chair of Region VI. In addition to being a member of the Ohio International Consortium since its inception and serving as its chair from 2009-2011, he developed the Study Ohio program, a collaboration between the public and private universities in Ohio developed to better market higher education opportunities in the state to prospective international students.

The Ohio International Consortium established this scholarship in 2014 in honor of George C. Burke's many contributions to international education.

### **Ohio International Consortium Member Schools:**

Bowling Green State University, Central State University, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, Youngstown State University, Wright State University

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### **Eligibility**

#### **An Applicant must:**

1. Be an Ohio resident who is a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate from an Ohio International Consortium member school.
2. Be at least a rising sophomore with a minimum 3.0 GPA. The selected student must return to the home campus for at least one semester during which the follow-on project will be completed.
3. Be accepted into an accredited summer study abroad program that has been approved by the home school. Programs must be at least four weeks in duration.

Preference is given to first-time study abroad applicants.

Previous George C. Burke or Donald N. Nelson scholarship recipients will not be considered for the award.

**Grant Amount:** \$1000

### **Deadlines:**

Please check with your study abroad office for your campus deadline. Your study abroad office must submit your application to the Ohio International Consortium scholarship committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1.

### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Completed George C. Burke Scholarship for Summer Study Abroad Application.
2. 500-word essay explaining how your study abroad experience fits into your degree and career plans and what concrete steps you will take upon your return to campus to share your experience with others on your campus and encourage participation in study abroad.
3. Academic performance.
4. Previous study abroad experience (preference given to applicants studying abroad for the first time).
5. Study abroad advisor certification of application and study abroad program.



Have you had a previous credit-bearing study abroad experience? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that all statements made on this application are true and accurate.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Study Abroad Advisor Certification (to be completed by your study abroad advisor)**

Is the above student a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate at your institution?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is s/he an Ohio resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the academic information (i.e. rank and GPA) provided above accurate? If no, please explain:

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To your knowledge, has this student ever studied abroad before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that all statements made by the student on the application above are true and accurate.*

Name and Title (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_