

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. In this video, you will be virtually walking through the Gilman Scholarship's website to help you familiarize you with all the features and resources that are available to you at any time. We have designed a user friendly, informational website that is sure to answer your questions about the Gilman Scholarship Program.

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Let's begin navigating the Gilman website!

Home

Starting with our home page, which is designated for highlights of the Gilman Scholarship Program and recent news that we want visitors to see right away. We recommend that you check out the carousel rotating exciting information and resources. There you will find announcements and links to our online application, a Gilman Scholarship alumni spotlight, the Gilman Global Experience and our Multimedia. Before you leave the home page make sure to read over the News & Events section. This is where we make important announcements on the opening and closing of the online application, award notifications, upcoming webinars and so much more!

Left Navigation Menu

Our website has an accessible navigation menu located on the left side of the page that you can access at any time. For this walk-through video, we will be starting from the top and working our way down the navigation menu.

About the Program

This section is where you will get an extensive overview of the program. You'll find out more information about the Gilman Program, what the award benefits are, the selection criteria for recipients, program statistics, lists of current and past recipients, and alumni profiles.

Eligibility

If you are planning on applying for the Gilman Scholarship it is very important that you review the eligibility requirements. Everything you need to know regarding the specific eligibility criteria is outlined in this section. Students who meet all of the eligibility requirements should apply for the Gilman Scholarship.

Deadlines & Timeline

Here you will find all the important deadlines for each application cycle. This section is separated into academic terms. For the most accurate deadlines, select the term associated with when you or the student plans to study abroad. Please note that students should apply for the Gilman Scholarship the academic term prior to the term that they will be studying abroad. Deadlines and timelines will be updated as the next open application cycle approaches.

Apply

For those students who are interested in applying, please review this section thoroughly before proceeding with the application. In this section you will find valuable resources to help you through the application process.

1. We have our frequently asked questions and answers (FAQs);
2. Followed by the two components that you will need to complete in order to apply for the Gilman Scholarship;
 - a. The online application, which includes uploading official transcripts;
 - b. Your study abroad and financial aid advisors' online certifications.
3. Next, detailed instructions on uploading your transcripts, which is great for ensuring you properly complete your online application;
4. Then, we have a page dedicated to essay guidance. The main components of the application are the Statement of Purpose essay and Follow-on Service Project Proposal. Our prompt questions for our essays never change, so you can find the prompt questions, key points and examples of Follow-on Service Projects in this section.
5. Additionally, we have a section dedicated to application tips and reminders to help you submit a competitive Gilman Scholarship application.
6. Lastly, we have a section where you can subscribe to Applicant Newsletters. During an open application cycle, the Gilman Program produces and distributes four e-newsletters to continue to provide you application tips, guidance and reminders, as well as success stories of Gilman Scholars.

News & Events

Stay up-to-date with current news and events with the Gilman Scholarship Program. In this section you will find the most recent announcements, upcoming events for the Gilman Program and articles that feature the Gilman Scholarship Program and recipients.

Multimedia

Staying connected with the Gilman Scholarship Program has never been easier. In this section you will find numerous outlets to connect to the Gilman Scholarship Program. First, take a look at all the videos that are available to you. You can find a Gilman Scholarship Program Overview video, U.S. institution advisor advice videos, Gilman Alumni videos and so much more through our website videos and on our YouTube channel! Next, connect with us through various social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter, by "liking" us or "following" us, you will receive updates and announcements. Lastly, we have applicant and advisor webinars that Gilman staff lead on various topics. Be sure to check back for updates on upcoming webinars.

Other Study Abroad Resources

If you need a little extra guidance researching for your study abroad experience we have created this section to help you. Here you will find resources for finding a study abroad program, resources to assist in your preparations to go abroad and other scholarships for study abroad. It is always a great idea to apply to more than one scholarship to help you fund your study abroad experience and to be prepared before you depart for your program!

Contact Us

Here you will find the Gilman Scholarship Program's contact information. This section is divided for students and university advisors. For students, please make sure you contact the appropriate person according to your last name.

And for university advisors, make sure to contact Gilman staff according to the specific state of your institution. In order to expedite communication, the Gilman Program asks that you please communicate with your assigned contact.

Resources For...

The last section I would like to briefly highlight is the Resources For... We have made specific sections for our current Gilman Scholarship recipients, Gilman Scholarship alumni, university and college advisors and administrators, and parents. Please visit the appropriate section should you need any detailed information based on your role.

Conclusion

That concludes the brief navigational tour of the Gilman Scholarship Program's informational website. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Gilman Program by phone or email.