



UNIVERSITY OF
**SOUTH
 CAROLINA**
 UPSTATE

The John C. Stockwell and Diane C. Vecchio International Award

Established April 27, 2002

APPLICATION

Please return to the Office of International Studies
 Administration Building, Room 101, 503-5661
 DEADLINE: November 1st of applicant's Junior year

I. Criteria

Applicants for The John C. Stockwell and Diane C. Vecchio International Award are to have met the following criteria:

- Applicants are to be full-time, in-state students at USC Upstate in the fall semester of the Junior year with a grade point average of 3.0 or above.
- Applicants are to have matriculated as full-time students at USC Upstate through the Freshman or Sophomore years with plans to complete the Junior and Senior years as full-time students, graduating in four years.
- Applicants may major in any discipline, but must have selected a major by the time of application and demonstrated a capacity for success in their field of study.
- Applicants may or may not have foreign language proficiency. (In fact, at least some travel is encouraged in countries where award recipients have little or no language ability).
- Preference will be given to applicants with no independent international travel experience.

**Under special circumstances, minor exceptions to the above criteria could be considered after consultation with and approval by the Director of International Studies.

Full Name: _____

_____ *First* _____ *Middle* _____ *Last*

Social Security Number: _____

Address (local): _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (local) _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

Are you a South Carolina resident? Yes No

Are you a full-time, in-state student at USC Upstate
 in the fall semester of your Junior year? Yes No

Did you matriculate as a full-time student at USC Upstate and

continue uninterrupted through the freshman or sophomore years? Yes No

Do you plan to complete the Junior and Senior years as a full-time student at USC Upstate? Yes No

Will you graduate from USC Upstate in four years? Yes No

What is your current cumulative grade point average? _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? _____

What is your declared major? _____

The following questions are not related to the award criteria requirements stated.

Have you chosen a career path? Yes No

If yes, what is your career choice? _____

Do you speak any foreign languages? Yes No

If yes, what language(s) do you speak? _____

What is the extent of your travels beyond the state of SC? _____

II. Prepare a three-to-five page essay that addresses following three interrelated questions:

1. What is the most significant “personal challenge” you believe you face in developing your capacity for success and leadership in your anticipated field of professional endeavor?
 - The challenge may be intellectual, experiential, social, spiritual, physical, emotional, or a combination of one or another. The challenge must be stated persuasively, with candor and clarity. It must be framed in terms of the professional goals you seek to reach and the hurdles you must clear in reaching those goals. The evaluators of your proposal will attach considerable weight to the authenticity of your “personal challenge” statement.

2. What “plan of study” will you pursue in your international experience?
 - Your summer of travel must have an academic focus, a focus worthy of university independent study credit. Your program may keep you in one place for a detailed study, or move you from place to place in pursuit of a thematic agenda. The “plan of study” should address issues related to your baccalaureate major and your likely field of professional endeavor. Though the “plan of study” need not represent original research, the evaluators will attach considerable weight to its substance.

3. How will your international experience and plan of study assist you in addressing the personal challenge you have identified?
 - Keep in mind that the *purpose* of the Award is *to enhance your leadership potential by addressing a personal challenge through independent travel and study*. You must analyze persuasively the relationship between your “personal challenge” statement, your travel and study plan, and their likely impact on your future leadership potential. Evaluators of your proposal will place considerable weight on your analysis of these relationships.

III. Draft Schedule of Dates, Places and Travel Budget

Please attach to the application a projected schedule of dates and places for your international travel including a budget prepared in sufficient detail to provide assurance that the schedule can be carried out with the funds provided (\$6,000).

IV. Endorsements & Letter of Recommendation

A The application requires the signature of a faculty sponsor for the independent study component of the proposal, and the signature of the Director of International Studies affirming the feasibility of the agenda and the budget (see below).

Faculty Sponsor: (*print name*) _____

 Faculty Sponsor Signature

 Date

 Director of International Studies

 Date

- B. Please attach two letters of recommendation. One recommendation letter should come from a faculty member in the applicant's chosen major field of study. (The same faculty member sponsoring the independent study may write the letter. The letter of recommendation should address, at minimum, the student's potential for significant accomplishment in his or her chosen major field of study, and the potential importance of the travel and study plan to the emergence of leadership potential.) Additionally, a letter of personal reference, which addresses the candidate's leadership potential, is also required.
- Please, provide your independent study application, duly signed by your instructor, advisor and Dean, with your application.** The form is available in the Office of the Registrar.

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