With the assistance of a renewal grant from the New York Community Trust DeWitt Wallace/Youth Travel Enrichment Fund, the City University of New York is offering Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) grants. STOCS scholarships assist CUNY students participating in short-term CUNY study abroad programs by awarding scholarships ranging from $500 to $1500.

To be eligible for a Winter 2006-07 STOCS grant, CUNY students must meet the following criteria and submit a complete application by the STOCS application deadline (Monday, October 30, 2006):

Note: All applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form at their school’s financial aid office by September 28, 2006. We strongly encourage students to fill out the application through the U.S. Department of Education’s FAFSA Web Site at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. (See part C-1 of application)

* Only CUNY students who will participate in STOCS-eligible CUNY study abroad programs are eligible (list of programs is attached). Students must have applied to a STOCS-eligible study abroad program before the STOCS application deadline.

* Students must be matriculated undergraduates at the time of studying abroad.
* Students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
* Students with a household income of more than $65,000 are not eligible (as stipulated by the New York Community Trust).
* Previous STOCS scholarship recipients are not eligible.

All Winter 2006-2007 STOCS scholarship applications must be completed and received by 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 30, 2006. Note: students must complete and file a (FAFSA) form by September 28, 2006. Recipients will be announced after November 27, 2006.

Send applications to:

STOCS Project
International Programs/Office of Academic Affairs
The City University of New York
535 East 80th Street
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Winter 2006-2007
Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS)
Scholarship Application
Deadline – October 30, 2006

The STOCS Project Award Committee, a group composed of CUNY faculty and administrators, will review and evaluate your application based on the information provided in your: Personal Statement, Letter of Recommendation, Official Student Transcript, and FAFSA.

Instructions: Please type or print the following information legibly in black ink. Applicants must complete all six parts (A-F) to be considered for a STOCS Scholarship. Applications missing any of the above information will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered. Note: This is a competitive scholarship.

A. Personal Information:

1. Full Name (First, Last): _______________________________________________________
2. Full Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________
3. E-mail Address: ______________________________________________________________
4. Social Security Number: _________________________________________________________
5. Home Phone #: _________________________ 5a. Cell Phone #: ____________________________
6. Date of Birth: _________________________________________________________________
7. Country of Citizenship: _________________________________________________________
   If you are not a U.S. citizen, provide nine-digit Alien Registration Number: _______________
8. CUNY College where matriculated: ________________________________________________
8a. Participant in the following program: □ CUNY Baccalaureate Program □ CUNY Honors College
9. Declared Major: __________________________________________________________________
10. Total credits earned up to 9/2006: _________ Expected date of graduation: ____________(Month, Year)
11. Class standing as of 9/2006: □ Freshman □ Sophomore □ Junior □ Senior
12. Cumulative GPA: __________
   Note: You must also send official copies of your most recent transcript as evidence of your current GPA.
13. Have you traveled or lived overseas before? ____________
   If so, please specify place, reason and length of stay: ___________________________________
B. Program Information

1. Name of the study abroad program in which you plan to participate:
   ___________________________________________________________

2. Name of the study abroad program director: _______________________

3. Have you applied to this program? ________________________________

4. Have you been accepted into this program? ________________________

C. Financial Aid Information

1. All STOCS applicants must file a 2006/2007 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, regardless of whether or not they are considered eligible for financial aid. Forms are available at financial aid offices or may be filled out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The deadline to file a FAFSA in order to be considered for a STOCS Scholarship is September 29, 2006. This information must be accessible by the STOCS Application Deadline, October 30, 2006, and takes a number of weeks to process.

   Date filed: _______________________

2. Total cost of program (see listing of STOCS-eligible programs): _______________________

3. Are you currently receiving financial aid? ___________________________

   Please Note: Students should not rely solely on a STOCS scholarship to pay for the study abroad program. STOCS scholarships are both limited and competitive. Awards will only cover a portion of the study abroad program cost. Students should be sure to budget and plan for additional ways of financing their time spent abroad.

D. Letter of Recommendation

Please include a letter of recommendation from a CUNY faculty member (other than the director of your study abroad program) who is familiar with your academic work. Provide the attached form (D.1) to the faculty member who is writing your recommendation letter. Be sure to include the completed signed and sealed letter of recommendation as part of your application. Your application will not be complete without it.

E. Personal Statement: Study Abroad Goals and Expectations

In 1-2 typed pages, explain your reasons for choosing to participate in this study abroad program and your expectations of such a program. Be sure to relate your personal, educational, and/or career goals to studying abroad this session.

F. I, ____________________________ (print name), certify that all the information on this application and personal statement are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, true and my own.

   Signature: ____________________________                   Date: _____________
Additional Information (optional)

Your response to the following two questions is voluntary. The information is collected to meet reporting requirements and will be kept confidential. Information will not be released except in the form of statistical summaries.

G. Which category best describes you?

1. Black, non-Hispanic
2. White, non-Hispanic
3. Hispanic
4. Asian or Pacific Islander
5. Asian Indian/Native Alaskan
6. Other, please specify: _______________________

H. Please indicate any health problems or disabilities you may have. Circle as appropriate.

Wheelchair mobile
Blind or legally blind
Use braces or crutches
Deaf or severe hearing loss
Neurological impairments (polio, cerebral palsy, stroke, etc.)
Speech impairments
Cardiac condition
Seizure (epilepsy, etc.)
Learning disability
Other, please describe _______________________

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F________ Tr________

Additional Information: G____ H_______
Dear Recommender:

Thank you in advance for taking the time to write on behalf of the candidate, who is applying for a scholarship through the Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) Project. The STOCS Project is a scholarship program that provides qualified CUNY undergraduate students with the opportunity to win scholarships designed to defray the costs of participating in an eligible CUNY short-term study abroad program.

Your opinion will serve as a critical component of our overall evaluation of the candidate. Your letter must clearly state:

- how long, and under what circumstances, you have been familiar with the candidate and his/her academic work;
- how you feel this student will benefit from a study abroad experience in relation to his/her academic and or career goals;
- why you think this student is worthy of a scholarship;

Please fill out the form below and attach it to your letter of recommendation, which is to be submitted on official letterhead in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Candidates are responsible for submitting letters of recommendation along with their application packets. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The STOCS Project Award Committee

Applicant's Name: ____________________________________________

Recommender's Name: _________________________________________

Recommender's Title: ___________________________________________

Department: ___________________________ College: __________________________

Telephone Number: ___________________ E-mail: _________________________

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _________________________
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Transcript Request Form

To the Applicant:

Please enter the information below and submit this form to the Registrar at your college with a request that the transcript be mailed directly to the STOCS Project by October 30, 2006.

Full Name: _____________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ________________________________

Applicant’s Signature: ________________________________

To the Registrar:

The student named above has applied for a Study/Travel Opportunities for CUNY Students (STOCS) Scholarship. Official academic transcripts are requested as part of the scholarship application. The applicant’s transcript should be mailed directly to the STOCS Project at the address below to be received by October 30, 2006.

Thank you!

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