

# Gilman-McCain Scholarship Program

## Purpose

- The Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of \$5,000 for child dependents of **active duty service members** to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Developed under the framework of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the John McCain International Scholarship for the Children of Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) is open to eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid.

## Eligibility Requirements

- A citizen of the United States
- An undergraduate student in good standing at an accredited institution of higher education in the United States (including both two-year and four-year institutions)
- Dependent child of an active duty military member(s) during the time of application in one of the following branches: Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving Title IV federal financial aid during their study abroad
- In the process of applying to, or accepted for, a study abroad or internship program of at least two weeks for community college students and three weeks for students from four-year institutions, eligible for credit from home institution
  - Multi-country/area programs are eligible and have no minimum requirement on time spent in a country; proof of program acceptance is required prior to award disbursement
- Applying for credit-bearing study abroad programs in a country or area with an overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State's Travel Advisory System
  - Students are not eligible to apply for programs in areas with overall Level 3 or 4 Travel Advisory

## Application Process

- Students can expect the following requirements throughout the process:
  - Online application including an essay
  - Transcripts for all college coursework
  - Online certifications from the applicant's study abroad and financial aid advisor

Eligible programs are as follows. The application will not allow outside these date ranges.

The 2024 Deadline application will open in mid-March 2024 for applicants whose programs start between May 1st, 2024, to April 30, 2025. The cycle will open again mid-August 2024 for applicants whose in-person programs or internships start between December 1, 2024, to October 31, 2025. The application deadline is October 10, 2024, at 11:59pm Pacific Time, and the advisor certification deadline is October 18, 2024. Please be aware that the application deadline is in Pacific Time and take into consideration any time difference as you prepare to submit your application.

- Applications will continuously be accepted in this first year of the Gilman-McCain Scholarship, and thus there will not be a specific new deadline. Applications will be reviewed on a monthly basis. Any applications received (submitted and certified) at the end of a month will be reviewed that following month, and so on. Applicants will be notified approximately two months after the month of their application submission.

## Selection Process

- During application eligibility review, all eligibility criteria will be reviewed including review of the dependent military ID documentation confirming child dependent status of an active duty military member. All complete and eligible Gilman-McCain Scholarship applications will be reviewed in selection panels separate from other applicants.

**Website Link** - <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarships/>

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