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Graduation Year: _____
Major 1: _____
Major 2: _____
Major 3: _____
Minor(s): _____
Academic Advisor(s): _____

Student ID: _____

Hometown: _____
Concentration: _____
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The Critical Language Scholarship

Award Details:

Emphasis:

Academic

Research

Language

Experiential

International

Brief Description:

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a fully funded summer overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.

The CLS program is administered by American Councils. CLS includes the following languages and levels:

- Arabic, Persian: Advanced beginning, intermediate or advanced level; requires at least one academic year of prior target language study or the equivalent
- Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu: Beginning, intermediate or advanced level
- Chinese, Japanese, Russian: Intermediate or advanced level; requires at least two academic years of prior target language study or the equivalent

Can The Award Be Deferred? No

Can The Award Be Renewed? No

Scholarship Conditions:

In order to participate in the CLS Program you must, by the beginning of your program:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be in acceptable mental and physical health. Grantees will be required to submit a satisfactory Medical Information Form and Physician's statement and must inform the program of any changes in their health status between submission of these forms and departure in order to participate in the program.
- Undergraduate students must have completed at least one academic year of study (two semesters or three quarters).
- In order to participate in the CLS Program, finalists must receive an appropriate visa from their country of study (deadlines vary by country).
- The decision to issue a visa rests solely with the government and consular mission of the country to which a student is travelling. The CLS Program, American Councils for International Education and the U.S. Department of State will assist you with your visa application, but cannot influence a foreign government's decision of whether or not to issue a visa.
- CLS Program finalists and, in some cases, alternates may be required to work closely with CLS Program staff on preparing their paperwork well in advance of regular deadlines in order to receive a visa.

Please note that you are applying by language, not for a particular country placement. You are eligible to apply for one language only. If you submit more than one application, you will not be considered for a scholarship in any language.

For applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Applicants to the CLS Program may apply for and receive both a CLS Program award and a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award in the same academic year. However, participants may not accept both a CLS Program award and the Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award, which provides supplemental critical language study funding for Fulbright U.S. Student Program grantees, in the same academic year.

The CLS Program is fully funded from start to finish. From the time you step foot out the door to the time you arrive home, the CLS Program covers many of the costs of participating in its overseas institutes, including:

- Intensive overseas group based language courses (20+ hours per week)
- Room and board, often with a host family
- A full cultural program
- Host community language partners
- Domestic and international airfare

Participants receive a small stipend to cover incidental expenses and meals not provided by the program. Upon completion of the program, participants also receive a certified American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) score.

The CLS Program provides academic credit issued through Bryn Mawr College. The CLS program offers a year's worth of graded credit that you can apply to your college career.

The following expenses will not be covered by the CLS Program:

- U.S. passport fees;
- Medical exam fees required for participants; and
- Local travel between your U.S. home address and the airport for CLS Program travel.

Eligibility:

Applicant Education Level:	Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior Year
Age Limit:	At Least 18 Years Old
Open to (Non-US) International Students:	No
Required to Demonstrate Financial Need:	No
Specified Majors:	None
Minimum GPA:	None

Candidate Profile: Key Characteristics Sought By Review Committee

- Flexibility, adaptability, and cultural sensitivity
- Long-term commitment to language learning
- Interest in host culture
- Connection between target language and career goals

Selection:

Number of Candidates Awarded Each Year:	Approximately 550
Interview:	Not Required
Approximate Date Selected Candidates Are Notified:	Late February/Early March

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Information Sessions:

Webinars for Candidates: Yes, September and October
 Webinars for Advisors: Yes, September
 Additional Sessions: Application Tips on the CLS Program YouTube Channel

Website:

Official Website: <http://www.clscholarship.org/>

Application:

Date Application is Available: Early September
 Application Due Date: November 15, 2017
 Application Must Be Submitted By: Candidate
 Institutional Endorsement Required: No
 Institutional Cover Letter Required: No

Online Application:

<i>The online application includes the following sections</i>		Deadline	Date Completed
Register and create online application account.		11/15/2017	_____
Two Letters of Recommendation ¹		11/15/2017	_____
Name	Position	Date Notified	Date Completed
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1. Letters can come from an academic advisor, a current or past professor, or someone who knows the applicant in a professional or volunteer capacity. Please limit the number of recommendations from high school teachers. The letters of recommendation may not be completed by anyone who is related to the applicant.