

AYUSA Bloggers Essay Contest

The purpose of this award is to grant \$500 to 6 skillful, dynamic and engaging writers who are passionate about cultural exchange. The winners of this contest will be invited to write regular blog posts about their study abroad experiences that will be featured on the AYUSA website. The essay contest is open to any student who will be participating on a summer, fall, or academic-year AYUSA Study Abroad program.

Please e-mail your completed application to studyabroadinfo@ayusa.org with “AYUSA Bloggers Essay Contest Entry” in the subject header. Attach your application as a word document or portable document format (all file extensions should end in .doc, .docx, or .pdf). In the body of your e-mail, please list your name, age, phone number, and study abroad program. **All applications must be received by March 1.**

Essay contest winners will submit a high-resolution digital headshot for use on the AYUSA website and complete regular blogging assignments about their study abroad experience. These blogs will be moderated by AYUSA Study Abroad staff and [featured](#) on the AYUSA website.

Timeline:

- **Application Deadline: March 1, 2011**
- **Program Application Deadline: March 31, 2011** Students who have not submitted their COMPLETE program application (including the [online application](#) AND any additional paperwork) by March 31 will not be considered for the award.
- **Winners will be notified by:** April 30, 2011
- **Distribution of funds:** \$250 after submitting first blog post; \$250 after successfully completing exchange program and fulfilling all blogging requirements
- ***If you are not selected to receive an award and elect to cancel your program application, normal AYUSA Study Abroad cancellation penalties will apply.***

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Name:

Age:

Hometown, State:

High School:

Study Abroad Program (country and season):

Interests:

Favorite Activities:

Favorite Music:

Favorite TV Shows:

Favorite Movies:

Favorite Books:

Favorite Quotes:

In an essay of 300-500 words, please answer ONE of the following questions:

- What made you want to study abroad?
- Why did you pick your host country?
- What are your personal goals for your time abroad?

Essays will be judged on the author's ability to clearly communicate and write a well formulated, creative and compelling argument. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered. Applications which ignore word limits may be discarded. AYUSA Study Abroad reserves the right to use all essay contest entries and blogs for marketing purposes. If you are not selected to receive a scholarship award and elect to cancel your program application, normal AYUSA Study Abroad cancellation penalties will apply.