



Scholarships for Macedonian American Students to Study Abroad in Turkey

The key objectives of this program are to foster friendship, understanding and cooperation between the United States and Turkey and to allow for Macedonian-Americans the opportunity to explore the contributions that Macedonians and Turks have made to Turkey and the world. As part of this objective and to highlight Turkey's importance as a bridge between East and West, the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) in collaboration with the United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) has established a grant program to encourage Macedonian-American undergraduate students to participate in a program to study abroad in Turkey.

Program Background: TCA will award up to 10 grants in the amount of \$2,000 per year for full-time Macedonian-American undergraduates who have been accepted to a study abroad program in Turkey.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Macedonian-American undergraduate students who have already applied and been accepted to participate in a study abroad program at a Turkish university through an American educational institution or study abroad provider.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- be a full-time Macedonian American undergraduate student in good standing at an accredited American university or college
- be accepted to study and complete a study abroad program at a Turkish university**
- must be willing to share their study experiences with the TCA and UMD.

Selection Criteria

Candidates must present documentation to UMD verifying the eligibility criteria. The selection will be based both on merit and need basis.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Please read the following instructions carefully. Submit three (3) **collated copies** of each of the following items at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester study abroad. **Use paper clips, not staples.**

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM WITH PICTURE (see attached) with documentation verifying participation in a study abroad program at a Turkish university (Send a copy of your acceptance letter from the school or organization with whom you will study with in Turkey and contact information of the program advisor.)
2. RESUME: Each copy should be submitted on one single-sided 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper.
3. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT: One must be original, two may be copies. Transcripts may NOT be sent separately.

*Upon acceptance of application, TCA will mail a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the candidate prior to his or her departure to Turkey. Please note that the United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA's program is limited to providing a grant of \$2,000 per student per trip to help cover travel and living expenses. United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA are not responsible for placing students at Turkish universities, finding housing, internships or securing other forms of financing.

**By not successfully completing the program, the student will be required to return the grant



Please print or type out the application in black or blue ink. Submit the Application to the following address:

United Macedonian Diaspora
P.O. Box 19028
Washington, D.C. 20036

**Attach a
Passport
Size
Photo
Here**

Name _____ Permanent Phone _____

School _____ School/Cell Phone _____

Current Address _____

Permanent Address _____

Academic Level Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth (City, Country) _____

What is your Major? _____ Current and Cumulative GPA? ____/____

Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? Yes No

Which organization are you going abroad with? _____

Semester and year that you will study in Turkey? _____

Acknowledgment, Agreement and Signature

I hereby certify, acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have provided in this application and my supporting documents are true and correct.
2. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that could mislead the United Macedonian Diaspora or TCA.
3. By submitting this application, I am giving my approval for the United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA to verify all information I have provided to United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA and, when requested, I will fully cooperate with Diversity Abroad/TCA in this endeavor.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that my application and all supporting documents are (i) clearly marked with my name (ii) submitted to United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA .
- 5 . I understand and agree that (i) the grant decision is solely made by United Macedonian Diaspora/TCA at its absolute discretion, (ii) such decision shall be deemed final, and (iii) such decision shall not be subject to further review, reconsideration, challenge or appeal.
6. I agree to actively participate in sharing my experience in Turkey with the United Macedonian Diaspora community and TCA via blogs and forum participation.
7. In the event I fail to participate in the study abroad program in Turkey, I agree to reimburse TCA for the full amount of the grant of \$2,000 except for conditions beyond my control as determined by TCA.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____