

## FUNDING STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST

- Apply for Financial Aid** by visiting [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Processing can take up to 6 weeks so apply early.
  - If you are receiving Financial Aid for study abroad, it is important that you submit a *Permission to Release Financial Aid Records* form so that a trusted family member or friend can work with the Financial Aid Office on your behalf if any issues come up while you are out of the country.
  
- Consider applying for a student loan** or ask your parents to apply for a parent loan. Forms can be found at [www.wvc.edu/financialaid](http://www.wvc.edu/financialaid). You can always cancel all or part of the loan before the funds are disbursed if you don't end up needing all you initially requested.
  - Submit a *Loan Adjustment Request* form to request that your loan disbursement be adjusted in order to receive a larger amount during the quarter you study abroad and less the quarters you are studying on WVC's campus.
  - Submit an *Additional Expense Request* form to see if you might qualify for a larger loan. Include the *WCCCSA Budget Request for Study Abroad* form along with the request form (a Study Abroad Coordinator can show you where this form is located).
  
- Apply for scholarships.**
  - WCCCSA Scholarship
    - Awards two \$1,000 scholarships for the quarter-long programs
    - Award recipients announced during orientation
  - Gilman Scholarship
    - National scholarship awards up to \$5,000
    - Deadline is early October for spring programs
    - Deadline is early March for fall and summer programs
    - Must be PELL grant recipient
    - Community college, non-traditional, and minority students are strongly encouraged to apply
  - Research other scholarship options by visiting the *Funding Resources* page at [www.wvc.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wvc.edu/studyabroad).
  
- Consider crowd-sourcing as a funding option.** Use [crowdsunite.com](http://crowdsunite.com) to determine which crowd-sourcing site would be the best for you (there are benefits and drawbacks to each).
  - fundmytravel.com
  - GoEnnounce.com
  - gofundme.com
  - kickstarter.com
  - YouCaring.com
  - Indiegogo.com
  
- Contact any organization you are a part of for support.**
  - Churches
  - Tribes
  - Social groups
  - Employers
  - Others
  
- Reach out to family and friends.**
  
- Save and manage your money while abroad.** Review tips for saving money while abroad and tips for managing your money while abroad on [www.wvc.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wvc.edu/studyabroad).