

DR. MARVIN SWANSON MAGELLAN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

awarded twice per year

DESCRIPTION

Having earned a doctorate in world religions, Dr. Marvin Swanson was passionate about culture and international relations. After retiring from Southeast Missouri State University as the Director of International Programs, he founded a non-profit organization called Cultural Exchange Network (Cenet) in 1996 and in spring 1997 formally founded the Magellan Exchange. A large part of his vision was to inspire students in the United States, particularly those in the Midwest or underserved communities, to have international experiences, and he was passionate about facilitating those exchanges. In honor of his passion and the legacy he left, the Dr. Marvin Swanson Magellan Exchange Scholarship will be awarded twice per year to a deserving student from a U.S. Magellan Exchange partner.

TO APPLY

Applicants must submit 1) an essay (max. 1,500 words) addressing “How does a Magellan Exchange semester abroad relate to your academic and career goals, and what will you do to promote study abroad on your campus upon your return?” and 2) one letter of reference from an academic or professional referee. Email these to info@magellanexchange.org. Applicants must also submit their completed online Magellan application (with application fee) by the scholarship deadline.

REQUIREMENTS

During and/or after the exchange, the scholarship recipient must share their experiences with Magellan for the purpose of inspiring future students. This could be a request for photos/videos, an informal interview for a blog post, a social media spotlight, etc.

AWARD

\$1,000 (FALL SEMESTER OR ACADEMIC YEAR EXCHANGE)

\$1,000 (SPRING SEMESTER EXCHANGE)

DEADLINE

**FEBRUARY 25 (FALL SEMESTER/ ACADEMIC YEAR) - OR -
SEPTEMBER 25 (SPRING SEMESTER)**

DECISIONS WILL BE MADE SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

CRITERIA

BE A STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING AT A U.S. MAGELLAN INSTITUTION & HOLD A MINIMUM 2.5 GPA. PREFERENCE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO DEMONSTRATE A FINANCIAL NEED.

