



Gilman Scholarship

Follow-on Service Project Tips

The Community Impact Essay/Follow-on Service Project are equally important factors in the selection process. You should carefully review your essay and ask an advisor to proofread your essay for spelling, grammar, and content prior to submission. (max of 6,000 characters).

Gilman Scholars represent the United States as citizen diplomats in their host communities; they reflect a diversity of values, beliefs, and opinions that is fundamental to providing a balanced representation of the United States abroad. *Gilman Scholars are expected to contribute to the goal of building mutual understanding by sharing what it means to be an American, learning about the host culture, and building meaningful relationships.*

COMMUNITY IMPACT ESSAY

Make a case for how you will serve as an effective citizen diplomat abroad.

- When you are overseas, how will you contribute to the mission of building mutual understanding between the people of your home community and the people of your host community?

FOLLOW-ON SERVICE PROJECT

The goal of the Follow-on Service Project is for Gilman Scholars to increase awareness of study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship among their peers in their home communities and campuses. Summarize your Follow-on Service Project Proposal in paragraph format by addressing all of the following questions, in no particular order.

- What are your project goals?
- Who is your target population/audience and why did you select them?
- How will you integrate the impact of your experience abroad into your project?
- What, if any, campus departments, student organizations, or community organizations will you collaborate with in bringing awareness to study abroad and the Gilman Scholarship?

This project can be done on your home campus or in your local community and must be done within six months of your return. You will be required to submit a final report summarizing and assessing its impact.

RESOURCES

For more information on the application process and to get your creativity started, visit the Gilman Scholarship websites listed below to see examples of videos and outreach projects from previous Gilman Scholars in K-12, academic departments, specific on-campus offices, and study abroad offices, as well as other miscellaneous outreach ideas.

www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/essays
www.gilmanscholarship.org/resources-2/videos/

Additionally, you can watch videos of Gilman scholars abroad, alumni interviews, and get tips from advisors and application reviewers on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/user/gilmanscholarship.