



Application Guidelines and Selection Criteria Scholarship For Summer Study In Scotland

Application: Download and complete the online application form and send to:
info@sases.net

Transcript: Send an official electronic copy of your HS record by the deadline to:
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Essay: Explain why you believe you are qualified for this program, why you are drawn to a study program in Scotland, and how it would benefit you. Also explain how, upon return to the US, you would demonstrate the positive impacts of your experience and how you would share this experience at school and with others in the broader community. Essays must be submitted by the deadline to info@sases.net and will be assessed for originality and reviewed for evidence of AI or other outside help.

Two Letters of Recommendation: Include two letters of recommendation with application submission from schoolteachers, counselors, other school officials, community leaders or other adults who know your qualifications indicating why they believe you are qualified for and would benefit from summer study in Scotland. Recommendations must be included with other required application materials by the deadline.

Parent or Guardian Approval & Agreement Form: A parent or guardian must be complete and sign the form as part of the application. Submit along with other required application materials by the deadline.

Interviews: A Foundation representative will contact finalist applicants in the first week of November of 2026 to schedule interviews with students and a parent or guardian. Note, a parent or guardian must attend the interview.

Final Selection: One primary student and one or more alternates will be notified of selection by mid – late November. The primary candidate will be expected to apply immediately upon notice of award to the ISSOS program/The University of St. Andrews. If for whatever reason, the primary candidate cannot participate in the scholarship, he/she must immediately notify the Education Committee at: Info@sases.net. The alternate candidate would then be notified and asked to apply.

Materials Development & Presentations: Upon return, the student will be expected to provide the Foundation with a project sharing what you have learned from the experience and its impact, such as: An essay describing your experience; a short video; an infographic; a digital poster, or some other visual/written record and summary. As well, the returning student will be expected to make a presentation to members of the St. Andrew's Society about their experience, to a school or community group, and also agree to print and/or electronic media interview(s). Confirmation of agreement to develop materials and make presentations is required in the Application Form.

Eligibility: Applicants must be full-time students, have an overall GPA of 3.0, and be attending one of the eligible high schools. Applicants must be high school sophomores or juniors during the 2026/27 academic year.

All application materials are due by October 31st and will be reviewed by a Foundation Committee to determine completeness, strength and quality of materials submitted.

An award will be made without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, or disability.