

## **2012 Summer Grants**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you very much for your interest in a Schoerke Foundation grant to study with our scholarship students in Ghana this summer. Based in Westtown, Pennsylvania, the Schoerke Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization which provides scholarships for students in Ghana and grants for American students to attend a three-week summer program in Ghana. Next summer the program will run from July 30 to August 17, 2012; and we are awarding up to four grants worth \$960.00 each to current juniors and seniors in high school as well as freshmen and sophomores in college to cover living expenses in Ghana. The children and close relatives of Schoerke Foundation board members are not eligible for these grants. Successful applicants are responsible for their plane ticket, travel insurance, visa applications fees, and any other trip expenses not covered by the grant.

The **deadline** for application is **March 15, 2012**.

During the three weeks in Ghana, grant recipients will live in a house with other American high school and college students and a group of volunteer teachers. We will all go to school from 8.30 am to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday, to teach reading, American history, English, Math, Science or Computer Science to the younger students at Heritage Academy. Also, the grant recipients and their counterparts in Ghana will attend workshops on globalization, poverty eradication, sustainability, and cultural arts such as basket weaving, drumming, and bead making. Grant recipients will have a chance to lead discussions on American culture or a mini-workshop for the younger students at Heritage.

On the weekends, the American students and volunteer teachers will visit educational and historical sites such as the slave castles in Cape Coast and Elmina, the Kakum Forest Reserve, and the W.E.B Dubois Museum. The summer program is designed to provide educational enrichment and a true cultural exchange between the American students and their Ghanaian counterparts.



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How did you learn about the Schoerke Foundation?

What interests you most about spending three weeks in Ghana, West Africa?

Please describe your favourite teacher, coach, or mentor and what makes that person special to you.

Please describe a situation in which you worked with a diverse group of people and what you learned from that experience.

*The Schoerke Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion or sexual orientation in the administration of its grant program.*

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## **THE ESSAY**

If you could spend three hours talking to any historical figure, who would it be and why?

Your essay must be--

typed in a 12 pt, *Times New Roman* or *Palatino*  
double spaced  
between 850 and 1000 words long.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dear Sir or Madam, please provide a candid assessment of the student's strengths and weaknesses, maturity level, and leadership potential. Comment on how a three-week trip to Ghana might benefit this student and clearly explain why you think the student should or should not be awarded a grant. Attach additional pages if needed.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REFERENCES

Please provide the names and contact information of three references that we may call or email to get additional information about you.

**1. Adult Reference:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Peer Reference:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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