

Yildizlar Education Fund and Melanie Yildizlar Memorial Scholarships for Study Abroad

UB Study Abroad is pleased to offer the **Yildizlar Education Fund Scholarship** for Study Abroad, made possible through the generous gift of University at Buffalo alumnus Matt H. Yildizlar, and the **Melanie Yildizlar Memorial Scholarship** for Study Abroad, which is supported by the Office of International Education at the University at Buffalo. These scholarships are awarded to University at Buffalo students who participate in study abroad programs in Turkey.

Based on available funds, the **Yildizlar Education Fund (YEF) Scholarship** for Study Abroad is awarded to a University at Buffalo student who will participate in a University at Buffalo or SUNY study abroad program of at least one full semester, and a for minimum of 12 academic credits (graduate or undergraduate) in Turkey. Up to one award of up to \$1,500 is available per year. Recipients of the YEF Scholarship for Study abroad are required to fulfill a service requirement by assisting the UB Study Abroad office with the promotion of study abroad opportunities, particularly those in Turkey. Therefore applicants who will return to UB for at least one semester upon completion of their overseas program will be given preference for this scholarship.

The **Melanie Yildizlar Memorial Scholarship** is awarded on a competitive basis to University at Buffalo students who are participating in short-term (summer or winter session) University at Buffalo study abroad programs in Turkey. Applicants for the MYM scholarship must have applied to participate in a University at Buffalo program for academic credit (a minimum of 3 credits at the graduate or undergraduate level). Awards levels are \$500 for programs that carry 6 or more hours of academic credit, and \$300 for programs that carry 3-5 hours of academic credit. Recipients are encouraged to help UB Study Abroad in promotional activities upon return.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled, full-time, matriculated University at Buffalo students in good academic standing.
- Applicants must have applied for a study abroad program in Turkey. Applicants for the YEF scholarship must have applied for a University at Buffalo or SUNY program that is at least one semester long, and that carries a minimum of 12 academic credits. Applicants for the MYM scholarship must have applied for a University at Buffalo summer or winter session program that carries a minimum of 3 academic credits.

Criteria

- Awards will be based on financial need, academic merit, and seriousness of purpose
- Preference will be given to first-time study abroad participants
- Students with documented financial need are given preference
- Students who intend to return to UB for at least one semester will be given preference.
- Recipients of either of these awards may not apply again for either the YEF or the MYM scholarship

Award Guidelines:

- Applications will be reviewed by the UB Study Abroad scholarships committee.
- Finalists for the scholarship may be called for personal interviews.
- The award decisions of the committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Applications:

Pending availability of funds, applications are due **March 15** for fall, year, or summer programs and **October 15** for winter and spring programs. A complete application includes:

- Application Form
- Typed Personal Statement and Service Requirement Statement
- One academic recommendation
- Copy of current Financial Aid award (available from Student Response Center)

Complete applications or questions should be directed to:

UB Study Abroad

210 Talbert Hall

Tel: 716 645 3912

Email: studyabroad@buffalo.edu

Yildizlar Education Fund Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Person Number: _____

Class (e.g., Sophomore): _____

Expected graduation date: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

UB email address: _____

Study Abroad Information:

1. Have you already applied for a study abroad program? _____ Yes _____ No

Program name: _____

City/country: _____

Term of study abroad: _____

Sponsoring campus: _____

2. Is this is your first college-level study abroad program? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Please indicate any prior experience with studying, traveling or living abroad (*please list locations, dates and purpose and attach additional page if necessary*).

Financial Information:

1. Please indicate any other scholarships which you have applied for and/or received for your study abroad program:

Scholarship name: _____ Amount: _____

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2. Please indicate how you plan to finance your study abroad program by providing estimates available to you from the following additional sources:

Financial aid: _____ Loans: _____ Parent/guardian assistance: _____ Savings: _____

Other sources (please describe): _____

3. How likely is your study abroad participation without this scholarship?

_____ Impossible _____ Unlikely _____ Likely _____ Definite

4. For programs outside UB, what is the total program cost (*not including personal travel*)? _____
Please attach cost information for the program (e.g., brochure, web site printout, etc.).

5. Please attach a copy of your current Financial Aid award (available from Student Response Center).

Applicant Certification:

I certify that the information given above is correct. If I am a recipient of this scholarship, I hereby pledge to assist in promoting study abroad at UB, as outlined in my personal statement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Academic Advisor Certification:

I recommend the above student for the Timothy J. Rutenber Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad, and certify that he/she is a full-time matriculated University at Buffalo student in good standing.

Name of Academic Advisor: _____ Title: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yildizlar Education Fund Scholarship Personal Statement

Directions: Please provide a personal statement using the space below or by attaching printed pages (maximum length is two pages). In your statement, you must address the following:

- Any previous experience with studying, living or traveling abroad.
 - What has shaped your perceptions of Turkish life and culture thus far, and what aspects you are most intrigued to learn more about during this program.
 - How you expect to be changed academically and personally by your time overseas.
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Yildizlar Education Fund Service Requirement Statement

Directions: Please provide a brief statement to outline how you would assist UB Study Abroad in the promotion of study abroad at UB. Examples of possible assistance include participating in study abroad events, or working on a project such as a presentation, slide show, blog or another creative project. Please use the space below or attach a printed page (maximum length is one page).
