

St. Andrew's Scholarship

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Website: [The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia Scholarship](#)

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Campus Deadline: February 1 annually

Award Description:

In order to foster cultural exchange, the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia awards approximately \$25,000 scholarships to students from local universities to spend their junior year studying at one of four Scottish universities (Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Aberdeen, and Glasgow).

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Applicants should be in their sophomore year at the time of application, be a U.S. citizen, and possess at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. Students from most disciplines may apply; the credits earned during the junior year in Scotland will apply to the Temple University degree. A Temple faculty committee interviews candidates. One Temple student is then nominated to compete with approximately 15 students nominated from other universities for the five scholarships.

There is **no** requirement to be of Scottish ancestry.

A good candidate for the St. Andrew's scholarship meets the above eligibility requirements and also: has a GPA of 3.5 or higher, shows a respect of and genuine interest in others' views and cultures, is involved in the community, has a genuine interest in the intellectual and cultural benefits of a year abroad in Scotland, receives financial aid, and has strong interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

Internal Application Instructions and Checklist:

The St. Andrew's scholarship **requires institutional nomination**. Applications made directly to the awarding body will not be considered. Interested candidates are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka, Director of Fellowships Advising, well before the February 1 internal deadline.

Submit the following application components by February 1. Submit components 2-3 as one PDF to feladv@temple.edu or barbara.gorka@temple.edu.

1. _____ **Campus Waiver and Agreement**. Complete the [online agreement](#).
2. _____ **Data Form**. Request the Word form from Barbara Gorka (Barbara.gorka@temple.edu).

3. _____ **Personal Statement.** A three to five page essay (double spaced) on your personal background, why you want to study in Scotland, and why we should select you for one of the competitive scholarships. Include why you would like to study at your top two choices for Scottish universities.
4. _____ **Transcripts.** Submit an official copy of your Temple transcript (e-transcript or paper) to Barbara Gorka (Barbara.gorka@temple.edu). If you earned transfer credit for work at a previous institution, summer school, or study abroad (on a non-Temple program), please provide an unofficial transcript as well.
5. _____ **One to Two Letters of Recommendation.** Your references should provide letters to Barbara Gorka in Fellowships Advising (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as PDFs by the campus deadline. The first letter should be written by a professor who knows you well enough to write a detailed letter. Your reference should address your qualifications and why studying abroad for a year in Scotland is a good fit for your academic trajectory. A second letter is optional, and can be written by an advisor, a supervisor, or a faculty member. Letters should be on letterhead and signed. Provide your reference(s) with a draft of your essay in advance.