The Gilman International Scholarship Program is a program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
Orientation Goals

1. Learn about Gilman-McCain Scholarship
2. Be Familiar with Eligibility
3. Review Application Process
4. Understand Advisor Roles
5. Promotion & Advising
About Gilman-McCain
Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and they do so by facilitating opportunities of academic, professional, athletic, and other cultural exchange.

studyabroad.state.gov
exchanges.state.gov
Overview

- Congressionally funded initiative
- Named after late senator John S. McCain (Arizona).
- $5,000 awards
- Child dependents of active-duty service members
Gilman Program’s Impact

- 47% first-generation college students
- 65% racial or ethnic minority groups
- 33,000+ U.S. undergraduates of high financial need
- 150+ countries
- 1,300+ U.S. institutions
Be Familiar with Eligibility
Eligibility

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student
- Traveling in a country or area with overall Travel Advisory Level 1 or 2
- Minimum 3 weeks (21 days) or 2 weeks (14 days) if at two-year institution
- Dependent Child of active-duty military member(s) during time of application (Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard)
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid

Virtual international programs & internships are eligible!
Eligibility

If location is at Level 3 or 4 only due to COVID-19 at the time of application, the Gilman program will still consider that eligible.

If selected and if the destination country is still at a Level 3 or 4 by the time the program starts, then the recipient will be required to change their program location.
Application Process
How to Apply for Gilman-McCain

GilmanMcCainScholarship

Welcome to the Gilman-McCain Scholarship Application for Undergraduate Children of Active Duty Service Members

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship is a congressionally funded initiative of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and named after the late senator John S. McCain from Arizona.

The U.S. Department of State’s Gilman-McCain Scholarship provides awards of $5,000 for undergraduate child dependents of active duty service members to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Developed under the framework of the State Department’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the John McCain International Scholarship for the Children of Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) is open to eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid.

Applicant Log In
User Name:
Password:

Sign In

Forgot User Name or Password?
Don’t have an account? Click the button below to create one.

REGISTER

IMPORTANT DATES

GilmanApplication.iie.org/mccain
Proof

- Military Dependent ID (DD 1173 Form)
  - Child dependent status
  - Uploaded to application before submission

Gilmanapplication.iie.org/mccain
2 Steps

1. Student Application
   - Abroad Program Info
   - Essays
   - Unofficial Transcript(s)
   - Select Advisors

2. Advisor Certifications
   - Study Abroad Advisor
   - Financial Aid Advisor
Statement of Purpose +
2 Community Impact Essays
$5,000

Critical Need Language Award
(Optional)
Up to additional $3,000
Selection Criteria

- Impact of Program & Destination on Student’s Academic & Career Trajectory
- Community Impact Abroad & Upon Student’s Return Home
- Academic Preparedness
- Diversity of Background & Experience
- Commitment to Proficiency in a Critical Need Language
## Gilman-McCain: Comparison with Gilman

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- **Application**: No specific criteria mentioned.
- **Selection Panels**: No specific criteria mentioned.
- **$5,000 flat**: No specific criteria mentioned.
Advisor Roles
Advisor Certifications

Study Abroad

• Academic Standing
• Accurate program info
• Credit-eligibility
• Program cost
• Travel Advisory Levels of country or area and location

Financial Aid

• Receiving Federal Financial Aid during application term or term abroad
• Final or estimated amount of aid applied to program

Is this student eligible?

Non-certifying advisors have access to apps!
Gilman Advisor Portal

1. Register & verify account
2. Certify apps
3. View applicants, recipients, and other advisors

Gilmanapplication.iie.org/advisor
Promote Gilman

- Post on social media often
- Hold virtual info sessions and advising appointments
- Use Gilman email templates
  
  Gilmanscholarship.org/advisors/outreach-tools
How to Identify Child Dependents

Military & Veterans Office

Financial Aid Office
Advising for Gilman-McCain

Serve as a Selection Panelist

Peer Advising & Mentorship

Create a Virtual Office

Review Selection Criteria

Gilman Alumni Ambassadors

Open call email will be sent in Jan. 2021
Connect with Gilman

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Gilman Campus Advisors Community
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@gilmanprogram
Q&A

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Advisors Portal  Gilmanapplication.iie.org/advisor
Gilman-McCain  Gilmanscholarship.org/program/gilman-mccain-scholarship
Advisors Page  Gilmanscholarship.org/advisors

Recording and slides will be shared by email and on the Gilman website.