

2008

Dring Language Fellowship Award

Description

The Dring Language Fellowship will provide up to \$2500 to assist one or more recipients for an international travel experience for the *purpose of improving or perfecting foreign language skills*. In order to emphasize language improvement, an individual intense or immersion experience is foreseen. The plan may be part of an organized program, but not a group trip. Priority will be given to students who are able to demonstrate financial need, although all students are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility for a Dring Language Fellowship is limited to current students or alumni of OPRFHS.

Award decisions will be made by the donors and a committee of persons from the community. Names of committee members will not be released.

Upon completion of the Fellowship, recipients will be expected to submit a written report, and to demonstrate an improvement in foreign language skills.

Application Information

A completed Fellowship application will consist of the completed Application Form and Required Attachments. Please give all information in full.

Applications available from **Kim Asbury, OPRFHS, 201 N. Scoville, Oak Park, IL 60302, Room 207**
Phone: 708-434-3509. Email: kasbury@oprfs.org

Submit completed applications to **Kim Asbury** at the above address.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 14, 2008. Acknowledgement of receipt of applications will be made by email. No changes or modifications will be permitted after the deadline.

Award decisions will be made no later than April 15, 2008. All applicants will be notified by mail shortly after that date. Please do not telephone or email to check on the status of your application.

If you have questions regarding the Fellowship or about the application process, you may contact:
Winnie Bowman, Scholarship Coordinator, OPRFHS, 201 N. Scoville, Room 211, Oak Park, IL 60302.
Phone: 708-434-3611. Email: wbowman@oprfs.org

Rules

Upon review of applications, a personal interview may be required.

If for any reason, the program of study is not accomplished, any funds not used must be returned.

The Fellowship will not fund school tours or group trips.

Receipts are not required.

For recipients under the age of 21, submit letter of parental consent.

Any taxes must be paid by the recipient.

Recipient may be required to prove completion of program or otherwise provide accountability.

Application

Please type or print clearly - provide all required information. Attach additional sheets where necessary.

Personal Information:

Full name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What is your OPRFHS education status (present year of school or year of graduation) _____
And/or what is your job status? _____

What is your present foreign language ability? _____

List previous foreign travel experience and dates: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Project Information:

Summary description of Project: (For reference purposes, a detailed description is required below. Example from 2007 award: "Travel to Costa Rica for a 2-week program at Academia Centroamericano de Espanol. The program includes Spanish language immersion, plus conferences related to my professional career in social work.")

Dates of proposed study: _____

Summary budget information:

Total budget: \$ _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Required Attachments:

(Submit the following material on separate sheets. Please be concise and use the section headings and order provided below. Staple or clip to application. Do not bind.)

Detailed project description: Please provide a comprehensive description of your proposed project. Discuss your personal objectives and plans for study. Discuss your goals relative to a foreign language. Discuss your qualifications and personal interest in the proposed project. In this section provide details of proposed travel. List foreign sponsors, if any.

Budget: Provide breakdown of the project's budget, including such costs as airfare, bus/train, lodging, immunizations, travel documents, meals, fees, insurance and incidentals. Discuss how partial funding might affect your project. Discuss financial need. Discuss how costs over and above that requested are available, and from what source.

Parental Support Letter:

Applicants under the age of 21 shall submit the following letter, signed by parents or guardians. Additional language may be added regarding support for the project, regarding financial need and/or the availability of supplemental financial assistance.

Oak Park River Forest High School Scholarship Foundation
Oak Park, IL

Re: Dring Language Fellowship Award

Dear Sir and Madam;

I (We) are the parents (guardians) of _____, who has applied for a Dring Language Fellowship Award.

I (We) support his(her) application and project.

Signed _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Relation to applicant _____

Phone number _____ email address _____