



Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship (Gilman) Program provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 with additional supplemental funding available for students studying a critical language and/or conducting STEM-related research while overseas. The Gilman-McCain Scholarship for military families provides specific support for child and spousal dependents of active-duty military members. Since its inception in 2001, the Gilman Program has enabled more than 44,000 exceptional U.S. undergraduate students to study and intern abroad in over 170 countries. These international experiences have provided American students with skills critical to their personal and professional development, as well as for our national security and economic prosperity.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or national
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Federal Pell Grant recipient (or for Gilman-McCain, recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid)
- Participating in a credit-bearing program abroad up to an academic year in length
- In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System
- For Gilman-McCain only, dependent (child or spouse) of active or activated U.S. military personnel during time of application

Application Deadlines

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

For overseas programs that start
May 2025-April 2026

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

For overseas programs that start
December 2025-October 2026

Benefits of Being a Gilman Scholar

- Noncompetitive eligibility for federal employment
- Networking opportunities with thousands of Gilman Scholars and alumni via a private platform
- Access to professional development seminars and career-development resources

Gilman Scholar Highlights

Since the program's inception in 2001, the Gilman Program has awarded scholarships to more than 44,000 American undergraduate students.



100%

of Gilman recipients have financial need



nearly 60%

come from small towns or rural communities within the United States



nearly 50%

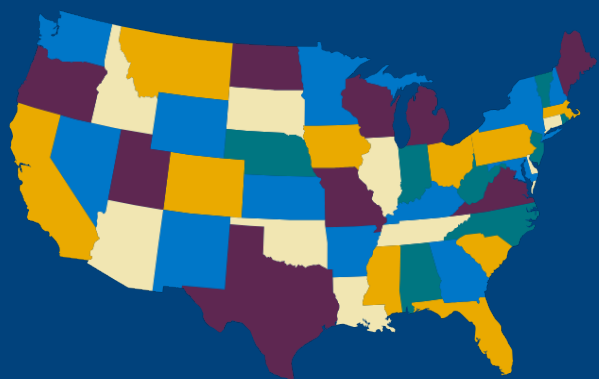
are first-generation college students



over 30%

of 2023/24 Gilmans were STEM majors

Citation: The Gilman Program 20-year Impact Report



Gilmans From Every Corner

Gilman scholars come from all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico and all U.S. territories, and more than 1,386 higher education institutions. These include public, private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities.



Program Impact

Gilman Program participants are more successful in their academic and professional lives as a result of their Gilman experience. Gilman scholars increase their professional and academic skills and serve as citizen ambassadors representing U.S. culture in over 170 countries around the world. Additionally, Gilman alumni promote the program and international experiences on their home campuses and in their home communities.



gained multicultural communication skills*



gained job-related skills*



further defined career goals*



gained greater self-confidence*

*According to participants surveyed



I've developed a richer perspective of the world I live in after the completion of this community service-learning program. This experience has become an essential part of preparing me to continue to take responsibility as an open-minded and principled member of my global community." – Gilman Scholar, South Africa



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