SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTERS DEGREES
TRADITIONAL FULBRIGHT PROGRAM
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: Thursday August 1, 2013

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Traditional Fulbright program offers scholarships for Cypriot students wanting to pursue a Master’s Degree in the United States. The Fulbright competition is open for Master’s degrees in all fields except Medical Fields (medicine, dentistry, veterinary and nursing). Grants are for study at accredited U.S. universities beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year.

LENGTH OF AWARD/PROGRAM BENEFITS

A Master’s degree in the United States usually takes two years. The scholarship is for a maximum amount of $25,000 each year, for a maximum total of $50,000. If the length of the program is less than two years, the scholarship award will be reduced accordingly. Scholarship grantees are expected to apply for financial assistance directly from the U.S. institutions, in addition to receiving the Fulbright scholarship.

Travel costs are not included in the grants.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible, applicants must fulfill all of the following requirements:

CITIZENSHIP
• Applicants selected must have a Cypriot passport (they will have to travel to the U.S. with a Cypriot passport).
• Must not be citizens or permanent residents (green card holders) of the United States.
• Must have one parent who was born in Cyprus.
• Must have at least 3 years of secondary (lyceum) education in Cyprus.

AGE
• Not be over 45 years of age on September 1, 2013.
MILITARY

- Fulfill compulsory military obligation (males) before beginning their studies, if required by the Government, or present valid exemption certificates.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- All applicants must have a minimum of 3/4, 3.75/5, 7/10 or 2:2 on their undergraduate transcripts, or be ranked in the top 5% of their department.
- All applicants must complete their Bachelor’s degree by the summer of 2014.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to submit test scores for the following tests. Although there are no minimum test score requirements, great emphasis will be placed on the scores of these tests.

- TOEFL or IELTS
  - The Fulbright Commission will accept the IELTS in lieu of the TOEFL.
  - Please be aware that some universities in the U.S. may not accept the IELTS; students submitting IELTS scores may also have to take the TOEFL exam if required by the university to which they are applying.
  - TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years.

- GMAT or GRE
  - The GMAT is required for MBA and other business-related fields; the GRE test is required for all other fields.
  - GMAT and GRE scores are valid for 5 years.

- All test scores must be valid on August 1, 2013.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Applicants seeking an MBA should be aware that strong preference will be given to those having at least 2 years of relevant work experience prior to beginning their MBA.

HEALTH

Applicants must be in good physical and mental health. No qualified, disabled applicant will, on the basis of disability, be subject to discrimination, provided that their physical and mental health is adequate to allow them to fulfill the terms of the grant.
SELECTION CRITERIA

The award of scholarships is primarily merit-based. An applicant's financial need, although important for evaluation, is of secondary consideration in the selection process. Students must submit all required documentation by the deadline. All applications and supporting documents will be reviewed by the Fulbright Commission's Scholarship Review Committee. Applicants who are approved by the Review Committee will be invited for an interview. All applicants must be present for an interview to be considered for a scholarship. Interviews usually take place in September.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students must complete the downloadable application which is located on our website www.fulbright.org.cy. Applications will be posted on our website in mid-May. Please read all the instructions which are attached to the application. Once you complete the application, please print it and return it, with supporting documents, to the Fulbright Commission no later than 2:00 pm, Thursday, August 1, 2013. All completed applications must be delivered in person by the applicant or his/her representative to an adviser at the Fulbright Commission who will review the application for complete documents.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants must submit the following documents with their application:

SCORE REPORTS
- TOEFL or IELTS
- GRE or GMAT
- If official test scores are not received by Wednesday, August 28, 2013, the application will be returned without further consideration. Please be aware that test score delivery can take several weeks to reach Cyprus, and may be delayed. It is the applicant's responsibility to take the exams early.
- The Commission will also accept online score reports.

TRANSCRIPTS/LEAVING CERTIFICATE
- Transcripts for all years at college/university
- High school leaving certificate

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS
- Two official recommendation letters, written in English, from professors at the applicant's undergraduate institution. All recommendation letters must be printed on official stationery with a university/college stamp. Recommendation letters should be presented to the Commission in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal.

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Applicants who have acquired relevant work experience, may, if they wish, provide a third recommendation letter from their employer (e.g. MBA applicants.)

RANKING

An official letter from the applicant's undergraduate institution stating the applicant's rank in their graduating or current class. If the institution does not provide rankings, applicants must submit an official letter from the institution verifying this.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- Greek Cypriots: 190-A form from the Income Tax Office for year 2012 (in Euro). Please note that we require the English version of the tax form, which is the 190-A.
- Turkish Cypriots: Income Tax form for year 2012 (in Euro).

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Cyprus Fulbright Commission will nominate students for a Fulbright grant, however, the final decision rests with the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) in the United States. The objective of the Fulbright Program is to provide an educational exchange experience to those not previously afforded such an opportunity. Therefore, preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent experience in the United States. Below is the list of priorities for the consideration of a grant:

- First priority: Applicants who are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree or have completed a bachelor's degree in a country other than the U.S.
- Second priority: Applicants who have previously studied in the U.S. with their own funding (as long as they are not currently working/residing in the U.S).
- Third priority: Applicants who have previously studied in the U.S. under U.S. government funding and are subject to the J-1 visa regulations.
  - CASP alumni, who fall under this category, must wait for 4 years after the completion of their Bachelor's degree before they can apply for a Fulbright grant.

Applications for dual-degree programs or combined Master's/PhD degree will not be considered for scholarships. However, once a scholarship for a Master's degree is awarded, applicants may apply to universities for a combined Master's/PhD program as long as the applicant can prove that he/she will obtain a Master's degree upon completion of the requirements for a Master's. Fulbright funding will be applied only for the Master's degree and applicants must obtain funding from another source for the PhD.
PROGRAM TIMELINE

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INELIGIBILITY

Applicants who fall under the following categories are not eligible to apply:

- Those who hold or will hold a Master's degree or any other equivalent graduate degree by the time they begin their studies in the U.S. (with the exception of civil servants who may apply for a 2nd master's degree).

- Are currently pursuing a degree in the U.S.

- Are currently working/residing in the U.S.

GOVERNMENT AND SEMI-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

- Applications from civil servants, who have been appointed either by the Public Service Commission or the Educational Service Commission, must bear the written consent of their Permanent Secretary.

- Candidates from semi-government organizations are also required to have their applications signed by their General Manager.
BACKGROUND

The Traditional Fulbright Scholarship Program was established in 1946 and in Cyprus in 1962. The Fulbright Scholarship Program is a world renowned, merit-based scholarship program that aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. The title of ‘Fulbright Scholar’ carries tremendous prestige that continues to open doors for a lifetime. Fulbright scholars have been extraordinarily active and successful in the world: 43 have won Nobel prizes; 78 have won Pulitzer prizes; 28 have received MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Awards; 29 have served as head of state or government. The ranks of past Fulbright Scholars, internationally, include former United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the European Union High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana, economist Milton Friedman, author John Updike, musician Aaron Copland, Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, Presidential Medal of Freedom awardee John Hope Franklin and Olympic Gold Medalist Lee Evan. In Cyprus, Cypriot alumni include leading personalities in the political, social, cultural, economic and scientific life of the island.

The Traditional Fulbright Scholarship Program in Cyprus is funded by the people of Cyprus and the United States through governmental contributions and in some cases, financial aid from American Institutions.

Disclaimer:
Please be advised that these awards are subject to Cyprus Fulbright Commission Board approval and availability of funds. Any of the above is subject to change.

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