

## Study Abroad Sponsorship Opportunities

Rather than diverting money from our Last Dollar Scholarship program, we'd like to help by raising money for 4 students who've come forward from our partner organizations. We'll pass on donations directly to the students, so 100% of dollars raised will be used to further their dreams to study abroad and are of course tax deductible for the sponsor. Any amount of donation will help. Their stories were quite compelling to us, see what you think:

### Highlights

- Study abroad experience improves graduates' competitiveness in the job market
- Financially challenged students often opt-out of the opportunity because of expense
- GMFF is raising money to help 4 students study abroad this summer - a future nutritionist, international teacher, international business manager and music teacher

### The Nutritionist

Challenged by his childhood struggle with weight and nutrition, this student is now inspired to become a nutritionist and help, in particular, those who are disadvantaged. He's been accepted into a 4-week internship program in India where he'll shadow professional nutritionists in hospitals, home visits and homeless shelters.

- Appalachian State University Honors College
- Nutrition and Foods Major with a concentration in Dietetics
- 4.0 GPA
- Senior by hours but in his 3rd year
- Need is \$2800

### The International Teacher

Touched by a visit to an orphanage in Gulu, Uganda, she is determined to make a difference in childhood development among underserved populations. She has since volunteered for a week to build a school in Granada, Nicaragua and completed a 10-week internship at an orphanage in Leon, Nicaragua with a non-profit called SuNica. In her own words, she describes the beauty of education across her experiences: *"Education was the difference between a life full of hope or a life of squandered potential. Education was the thing that gave children their childhood back and at the same time, put them on a successful path towards adulthood. I've seen education change lives. I've seen teachers change students' lives and I've seen students change teachers' lives."*

She plans to travel to San Jose, Costa Rica to finish her student teaching in a preschool classroom

- Appalachian State University College of Education
- Early Childhood Development major with a concentration in Birth-Kindergarten
- 3.66 GPA
- Senior
- Need is \$1350

### **The International Business Manager**

As the daughter of a disabled veteran, this resilient student found an outlet in school despite losing her mother to cancer. Her commitment to school has earned her a Holland Fellows research project in conjunction with the Fudan School of Management in China. While in China, she will attend lectures and visit businesses there. Her trip concludes with a joint presentation to both American and Chinese business persons.

- Appalachian State University Walker College of Business
- International Business Major with a Minor in Spanish
- 3.39 GPA
- Senior
- Need is \$3000

Want to know more about the [William Holland Fellows for Business Study in Asia?](#)

### **The Music Teacher**

This Honors College student is focused on a future career in education where he hopes to change the mindset of administrators, teachers and students to learn in a manner that inspires them. He was inspired to pursue music through his relationship with a professor of flute from whom he's taken lessons since age 16. To complete his senior thesis and travel abroad (both Honors College requirements), he will spend 2 weeks in Ireland studying at the University of Cork. He will take courses and travel to a flute maker's studio where he'll interview a local flute maker.

- Appalachian State University Hayes School of Music, Honors College
- Music Education Major
- 3.74 GPA
- Junior by hours but in his second year
- Need is \$3150

Want to know more about the [Summer Study of Irish Traditional Music?](#)