Study Abroad Scholarship: Essay Writing Workshop

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| **Part I: You!**  **How do you identify? *Circle all that apply***  First Generation College Student  Racial/Ethnic Minority  Community College Transfer  Married / with Children  Student with Disability  STEM Student  High Financial Need  Veteran  Never Studied/Traveled Abroad  Additional: | **Part II: Your Program**  **Where are you going?**  **Do they speak a critical language?**  **Length of program?**  **What classes will you take?** |
| **Part III: Your Goals**  **Academic:** *What do you want to achieve in school?*  **Professional:** *What do you want to achieve in the future?*  **Personal:** *What do you want to achieve for yourself?* | |
| **Part IV: Essay Basics**   * Maximum = 7,000 characters or 3.5 pages. Do NOT write less than 2.5 pages! * Be specific; Be Transparent; Be Yourself * Don’t Assume; Don’t “Vacation”; Don’t be Boring!   **Part V: Outline Suggestions**  **Paragraph 1: Introduction**   * Introduce yourself! Discuss all of the ways you identify as a non-traditional or underrepresented student. * Thesis Statement: As a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student, the opportunity to travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would allow me to achieve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. * ***Working Thesis Statement:***   **Paragraph 2-3: Your Backstory**   * Tell your story. Where are you from? What was your upbringing like? * Talk about your past in relation to where you are now. How did your upbringing shape your personal/academic/professional goals? * ***Notes for Backstory***   **Paragraph 3-4: Academic/Personal Goals**   * Discuss Academic/Personal goals. Explain how this specific program in this specific country will help you achieve your goals at UGA. * ***Notes for Academic/Personal Goals***   **Paragraph 5-6: Professional/Personal Goals**   * Discuss Professional/Personal goals. Explain how this specific program in this specific country will help you achieve your long-term professional goals. * Remember: It's okay to not be 100% sure about the future, but write as specifically as possible. No one will know if you change your mind! * ***Notes for Professional/Personal Goals***   **Conclusion**   * Sum up & thank your reader. * Restate information about your background and about why only this program will fulfill your needs. | |
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