



SEATTLE PERUGIA SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

Background

Each year, the Seattle Perugia Sister City Association offers up to four scholarships to study Italian at the world-famous University for Foreigners (Università per Stranieri) in Perugia, Italy. The University for Foreigners, founded in 1921, is the oldest and most prestigious institution of its kind devoted to language study by foreign students. More information at: <https://www.unistrapg.it>.

Here are some common questions that scholarship applicants have asked in the past:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

People who want to improve their Italian language skills, who love Italy and all things Italian, and who want to experience life in one Italy's most beautiful and historic cities. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. **Applicants must be a member of the Sister City Association and be a U.S. citizen.**

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD?

The scholarship includes tuition for one month of study at the Università and a stipend that can be used to defray travel or living expenses while abroad. In most cases, you can choose the month of the year that works best for you.

WHEN ARE APPLICATIONS DUE?

Applications for the following year's scholarships are accepted from August 1 through October 31.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Fill out the application form available on the website and email it to our scholarship chair at scholarship.spsca@gmail.com

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

Applicants must submit the completed application by email. After the October 31 deadline, the scholarship committee will select a short list of applicants to interview in person. Interviews will take place in late fall. The scholarship committee will make a recommendation to the SPSCA Board for approval and all applicants will be notified of the final results.

IS THIS SCHOLARSHIP TAXABLE?

Yes, this scholarship is taxable and must be included in gross income. The SPSCA will ask for your name, address and social security number if you are awarded a scholarship. The information will be used to prepare an IRS Form 1099-MISC for the taxable amount of your scholarship for the calendar year your tuition is paid. This scholarship is tax free (excludable from gross income) **ONLY IF** you are a candidate for a degree and your degree program accepts this course as meeting the requirements for the degree and you provide to SPSCA written documentation of the acceptance. If the award is used to pay for room and board and living expenses it is always taxable, no exception.

ARE THERE ANY EXPECTATIONS OF ME AFTER I HAVE RETURNED FROM USING MY SCHOLARSHIP?

Yes. Applicants are expected to write up a short summary of their experiences to be included on the SPSCA website, as well as to continue and extend their participation in the work of the SPSCA.