

CHARLES AND WANDA RICH SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II, Charles Rich entered Harvard University to pursue a Ph.D. in geology. In the summer of 1949, he attended the University of Geneva and did field research in the Swiss Alps. In 1951, he received a Fulbright grant to attend Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. In addition to taking courses and doing field research which became the subject of his dissertation at Harvard, he was also a lecturer and laboratory demonstrator at Victoria University. He joined the Geology Department at Bowling Green State University in 1958. He returned to New Zealand in 1962 and again lectured at Victoria University prior to undertaking field research in the Antarctic sponsored by the National Science Foundation. He retired from BGSU in 1990 with the rank of Professor Emeritus of Geology.

Wanda Rich received her bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma and attended Oklahoma State University for her M.A. in English. There, among community of international students, she formed friendships, one of which resulted in the opportunity to teach English language and literature at the former Beirut College for Women in Beirut, Lebanon from 1960 to 1962. She did additional graduate work at BGSU and taught in the English Department of the University of Rhode Island before marrying Charles Rich in 1966.

Charles and Wanda encouraged their two children to pursue education abroad. Their son Geoffrey, employed in the research and development of First Solar, an alternative energy company, participated in a geology study program in New Zealand. Their daughter Charlotte, on the faculty of the English Department of Eastern Kentucky University, spent an undergraduate semester at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England.

Charles and Wanda believe deeply in the value of living and learning abroad. The opportunities they each had to learn, teach, and travel outside of the United States brought them some of the most meaningful and enriching experiences of their lives. The scholarship is an expression of their gratitude for such opportunities and of their desire to assist future generation of students to enhance their own educational experiences.

Criteria for Applicants

- Full-time undergraduates in the college of Arts and Science.
- Must be a rising junior or senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Must be accepted into a BGSU- approved study abroad program of at least one semester duration.

Selection Process

The top three candidates will be interviewed by the Director of Education Abroad & International Partnerships and a recommendation will be made to the scholarship committee.

Scholarship Administrator

Director of Education Abroad & International Partnerships.

Additional information:

- An essay explaining your choice of international program and its relevance to your academic and personal goals must be included.
- Financial need may be considered, but only if your 2016-17 FAFSA is received by Student Financial Aid by March 1, 2016.

Amount of the Award

One award will be deposited into the recipient's bursar account after July 1, 2016.

Awards will be announced in April 2016.

Completed applications must be received by the BGSU Education Abroad office by March 15, 2016. The Charles and Wanda Rich Scholarship for Study Abroad is not renewable and late applications will not be accepted. Mail, fax, scan/email, or deliver all applications to:

Coordinator of Education Abroad
Charles and Wanda Rich Scholarship
319 Administration
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Email: edabroad@bgsu.edu
Fax: 419- 372-4254

If you have any additional questions regarding the application, please contact the Education Abroad office at edabroad@bgsu.edu.

Application for the
Charles & Wanda Rich Scholarship for Study Abroad
International Programs & Partnerships

Please print all requested information

Date of Application: _____ BGSU Student ID: _____

Legal Name: _____

First

Last

M.I

Email Address: _____ Cell phone Number: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Major: _____ Number of cumulative semester hours at BGSU _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Location of Abroad Program: _____

Sponsor: _____ Term Abroad: _____

(i.e., BGSU, Arcadia University, Butler University, etc.)

(Fall, spring, Ac. Year, or summer)

Have you previously traveled abroad? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please list destinations and reasons.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do you have previous college experience? ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, please complete the following:

Name of the Institution	Location	Years	Degree Completed
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do you receive Financial Aid? grants loans scholarships

A current FAFSA must be on file for financial need to be considered.

Essay

Please write an essay explaining your choice of international program and its relevance to your academic and personal goals. It must be typed and 500 word length.

I attest that the knowledge provided on this application is complete and truthful, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all the information to subject to verification, and the falsification, will result in termination of any scholarships granted. I recognize that should I receive this scholarship, my name, biological information, and amount of the award may be included in publicity generated by Bowling Green State University in reference to the Charles and Wanda Rich Scholarship. Signature also indicates authorization to release all appropriate information needed to complete the scholarship process.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Please submit application completed and materials to Education Abroad office, 319 Administration, BGSU by March 15, 2016.