



Annette Kade Scholarship Application Guide

ANNETTE KADE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this checklist as a guide when completing the Annette Kade Scholarship online application. Please note, you cannot save your work in the online application so please prepare your answers prior to starting.

To be considered for the Annette Kade Scholarship:

- ☐ You must be enrolled as a full-time student at an ISEP member institution in the United States.
- ☐ You must be planning to study abroad in French or German at a member institution in Austria, France, French Antilles, Germany, Reunion Island or Switzerland.
- ☐ You must submit an application to study abroad with ISEP.
- ☐ Your application for the Annette Kade Scholarship must be submitted on or by **February 29, 2020**.
- ☐ Your ISEP Coordinator must complete an endorsement form by **March 6, 2020**.

These scholarships are meant to help you get more involved in your chosen host culture through immersion and interaction and are especially intended for students who show a sincere desire to learn new languages.

To qualify for the Annette Kade Scholarship, you must demonstrate financial need which this award would help you overcome. You are encouraged to apply if you identify with a group that is traditionally underrepresented in study abroad.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

YOUR INFORMATION

To begin your application, provide:

- ☐ Your name
- ☐ Your email
- ☐ Your home institution
- ☐ Your intended host institution
- ☐ The language you will study abroad
 - French
 - German
- ☐ The semester you will study abroad
- ☐ Current GPA
- ☐ Current Address
- ☐ Did you submit your application to study abroad with ISEP?
 - Yes
 - No
- ☐ Will you be participating in any intensive language courses not included in ISEP benefits (pre-exchange, summer, etc.)?
 - Yes
 - No
- ☐ Would you like to contribute to the ISEP Blog?
 - Yes
 - No

YOUR ISEP COORDINATOR

Your ISEP Coordinator will be notified of your application for this scholarship, and will be asked to endorse your effort to apply. Provide:

- ☐ Your ISEP Coordinator's name
- ☐ Your ISEP Coordinator's email
- ☐ Acknowledgement of Responsibility

Once you have submitted your application, your ISEP Coordinator will be notified so that they may complete the coordinator endorsement form.

It is your responsibility to connect with your ISEP Coordinator to ensure that they complete their form by the deadline. If your ISEP Coordinator fails to submit the form you will no longer be eligible to receive an Annette Kade scholarship.

STATEMENT OF NEED

- ☐ To qualify for the Annette Kade Scholarship, you must demonstrate financial need.
- ☐ **Each student's financial situation is different.** To determine your qualifications for this scholarship, we need to better understand your financial need.
 - Are you receiving financial assistance from another source in the form of a grant, scholarship or loan from your home institution, government or other sources outside of your family?

Please select all that apply - grant, scholarship, loan, other

In 150-250 words, tell us about your financial circumstances by responding to these questions:

- **How are you funding your study abroad?**

Please give concrete and compelling examples of the steps you have taken to study abroad. For example, list if you have been working to pay for your education and/or study abroad. Also, be sure to expand on the sources of funding selected above and any other facts you would like us to know.

- **What is the difference between your estimated costs and available funding to study abroad?**

Be sure to consider your program costs as well as any other additional costs such as flights, transportation to and from your host site, health insurance, visa cost and passport expenses.

Your responses will be reviewed by the ISEP Scholarship Administrator and the scholarship selection committee as part of the selection process. This information will not be shared with your ISEP Coordinator.

STATEMENT OF DEDICATION

- ☐ In 150-250 words, tell us why you think you should receive the Annette Kade Scholarship. Please reflect on your personal story and give concrete and compelling examples of what you have done to further your goal of studying abroad. In your essay, address the following questions and provide examples:

- What are your reasons for applying to study abroad with ISEP?
- What have you done to further your goal of studying abroad?
- Reflect on your personal story and how it has led you to studying abroad.

In addition, you may choose to include in your essay:

- Your major at your home institution,
- Principal field of study while abroad,
- The traditionally underrepresented group(s) in study abroad with which you identify.

LANGUAGE LEARNING ESSAY

- ☐ To qualify for the Annette Kade Scholarship, you must have a sincere desire to learn new languages
- ☐ In approximately 350 words, consider this quote from Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951): “The limits of my language mean the limits of my world,” and answer the following questions:
 - Do you agree with Ludwig Wittgenstein? Are the limits of your language the limits of your world?
 - Why did you decide to study French or German?
 - Please explain the way in which you anticipate your participation in an ISEP program in a French or German speaking country will help you experience both personal and intellectual growth through full immersion in the host culture.
 - When you return home, how will you use your languages to continue to surpass limits?

Please be sure to include compelling and concrete reasons for each point you make.

In your essay, be sure to reflect on:

- The importance of learning new languages
- Your personal story and it's relation to your language learning
- Your commitment to language learning
- Your personal and language learning goals for while you are abroad and once you return home

ANNETTE KADE SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND ENCOURAGED APPLICANTS

Who can apply to the Annette Kade Scholarship?

You are eligible for this scholarship if you are a student at one of our U.S. member institutions and are planning to study in French or German at a member institution in Austria, France, French Antilles, Germany, Reunion Island or Switzerland.

Can I apply to the Annette Kade Scholarship if I am not a U.S. citizen?

Yes. As long as you are enrolled as a full-time student at one of our U.S. member institutions you are eligible to apply regardless of your citizenship. F1 students are encouraged to apply.

How much is awarded to Scholarship recipients?

The Annette Kade Scholarship Committee awards scholarships in the range of US\$500 to US\$1,000 depending on commitment to language learning, demonstrated financial need and academics.

How do I demonstrate financial need?

In the application, you will be asked to describe your financial situation as it relates to the need for financial assistance to study abroad. Examples may include government grants and loans and working part-time or full-time to afford your own education and living expenses. If chosen as a recipient, you may be asked to provide documentation indicating your financial situation.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Can I submit my application after February 29, 2020?

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on February 29, 2020.

Who reviews the applications and makes the selections? The selection committee will be made up of ISEP staff members. They will read, score and make selections for the Annette Kade Scholarships.

What is the ISEP Coordinator endorsement form? What do I send to my ISEP Coordinator? Will they see my application? When you submit your application, your ISEP Coordinator will receive an email with a link to an online endorsement form. They will not have access to your essays or financial need statement. Once your ISEP Coordinator submits their completed form, you will receive a message confirming ISEP has received it and your application is complete.

If my ISEP Coordinator submits the endorsement form late or does not complete it, will I still be eligible?

No. It is your responsibility to follow-up with your ISEP Coordinator regarding their form. Please contact them before the deadline to make sure they have completed it.

Can I send my ISEP Coordinator the coordinator endorsement form before submitting my application?

No. The endorsement form will be sent to your ISEP Coordinator once ISEP has received your completed scholarship application.

Do you have any tips for writing my essay?

We recommend taking time to reflect on your personal story and goals surrounding language learning. Use this as a framework to respond to the prompt questions with specific examples. Also, be sure to consult this application guide while completing each section. Email scholarship@isep.org with any specific questions or concerns.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

If I am chosen as an Annette Kade Scholarship recipient, am I guaranteed a placement at my top choice of host institution?

No. Your scholarship application has no bearing on your ISEP placement.

If I apply for the Annette Kade scholarship can I also apply for the ISEP Community Scholarship or ISEP Founders Fellowship?

Yes. Students are encouraged to apply for the ISEP Community Scholarship or ISEP Founders Fellowship along with the Annette Kade scholarship.

What happens if I return early from my program or do not accept my placement?

If you return early from your program or do not accept your placement, you must return any scholarship funds you have received from ISEP.

Do I have to apply for an exchange placement or a direct placement?

The Annette Kade scholarships are available to students placed at ISEP member institutions in Austria, France, French Antilles, Germany, Reunion Island or Switzerland participating in any ISEP semester or full year program. Students participating in exchange programs and students participating in direct programs are eligible.

If I receive other scholarships or financial aid, am I still eligible for the Annette Kade scholarship?

Yes. One way to demonstrate financial need is to include information regarding other need-based scholarships you receive in the financial need section of your application.