

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

THE RAY SHEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

This scholarship has been established by his family to honor Humanities Professor Ray Shea. Professor Shea began his MCC teaching career on the day the college opened (September 1970), and continued to teach here for the next 42 years. His special fields of interest were American Literature and Irish Literature, and it was his experiences “on the ground” in Ireland that initially confirmed for him the value of being present in the place one is studying. Ray traveled to Ireland more than 28 times, often leading literary/ landscape tours for the college. Taking students to China in 1994, and being a part of a Fulbright study tour in Cambodia for MCC faculty in 2002, likewise impacted his Humanities courses. His family hopes this scholarship can help Middlesex students open their own “windows to the world.”

PURPOSE

To assist a Middlesex Community College student to participate in an international study experience – a short summer course abroad or a semester abroad – through MCC’s Global Education programs or other study-abroad opportunities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The applicant must be an enrolled Middlesex student taking a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester.
- The applicant must have a 3.0 overall grade point average or better.
- The applicant’s essay must include the following:
 - Purpose intended for the scholarship funds
 - Motivation for the specific study abroad
 - Previous international travel experiences
 - What the applicant hopes to gain from the study abroad program
 - Direct application/relevance of the experience once the applicant has returned to the U.S

AMOUNT

\$750 for travel or in-country expenses

GUIDELINES

This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis and will be disbursed during the spring semester. The MCC Foundation, working with the family of Ray Shea, has exclusive responsibility for screening applicants and selecting an appropriate recipient for this scholarship.

TO APPLY

Students applying for Middlesex Community College Foundation Scholarships are required to submit the completed online application at www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships.

Although only one application is required, students are also responsible for reading the individual criteria for each scholarship and submitting under separate cover a single letter of recommendation.

REQUIRED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

ONE FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

A single letter of recommendation must be submitted via one of the methods listed below:

- email, with Microsoft Word document or PDF attached, sent to Amy C. Lee, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at leea@middlesex.mass.edu
- U.S. postal, interoffice mail, or in person to:
Amy C. Lee • Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations • Middlesex Community College
Cataldo Administration Building #215 • 591 Springs Road • Bedford, MA 01730

QUESTIONS?

Call Amy C. Lee at 781-280-3579 or email at leea@middlesex.mass.edu

* Students who anticipate a 3.0 grade point average or better at the end of the 2014 Fall semester are encouraged to apply. GPAs will be verified after grades are posted.

** Scholarships are awarded for tuition, fees and other eligible costs. Students who receive financial aid assistance will be awarded the difference between the amount of aid received and the amount owed to the institution of higher learning.

You can get help writing your essays at the MCC Writing Centers
Bedford Academic Resources Building, Library Room 7A, 781-280-3727;
Lowell City Building, Room LC 406B, 978-656-3365

**The online application and faculty letter of recommendation
must be received by 5:00pm on Friday, December 5, 2014 to be considered.**