2015-16 Requirements for Delaware Diplomats Scholarship

Overview

1. Full-time, matriculated, University of Delaware students in their freshman, sophomore or junior year can apply.

2. Participation in the Delaware Diplomats Program is determined through a competitive application and selection process. Acceptance is not guaranteed.

3. Once accepted to the program, all Delaware Diplomats must register with IGS before they can start earning badges. During registration, students are required to take an online assessment, which they will take again at the end of the program.

4. Delaware Diplomats have up to two academic years to earn their badges.

5. Badges earned in the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic year may be redeemed starting with study abroad programs offered in winter session 2017.

Earning Badges

1. Delaware Diplomats earn badges by attending IGS approved events. Participants will be provided with a list of approved events and notified when new events are added. Examples of qualifying events include: International Coffee Hour, cultural celebrations, IGS speakers, and Center for Global and Area Studies lectures.

2. Students are required to provide proof of attendance. For most events, students will have to upload a short paragraph and high-quality photo to the Sakai website.

3. Students earn one badge for every five events attended.

Badges to Funding Breakdown

Scholarship funding is distributed based on the number of badges earned. Each badge is worth $300 of scholarship funding. The maximum amount of scholarship money is $1500.

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Using the Scholarship

1. To redeem badges for a scholarship, students must submit an email to dediplomats@udel.edu by the application deadline of the UD study abroad program to which they’re applying.

   The email should state:
   a. Subject Heading – “Cashing Out”
   b. Email Body Should Follow the Script Below:
      “I am cashing out and according to my records I have earned ___ (# of badges) badges and _______ (total scholarship money) in Delaware Diplomat scholarship money. Please confirm that my count is correct. I am applying to _______ [add term and location of program(s)].”

2. Delaware Diplomats are responsible for applying to and being accepted to a UD study abroad or UD internship abroad program. Acceptance to a program is not guaranteed.

3. When Delaware Diplomats earn the maximum scholarship award of $1,500 or after being in the program for two academic years, they will be required to fill out an online assessment and other forms as part of their official exit from the program. Participants will be considered for need and merit scholarships with the rest of the applicant pool.

4. All students, including Delaware Diplomats, accepted to UD study abroad or UD internship abroad programs are considered for IGS need-based scholarship awards.

5. If students receive an IGS Study Abroad Scholarship or Delaware Diplomat Scholarship and are dismissed from their program due to improper conduct, or if a student withdraws from the program and program funds have been expended on their behalf, the student will be required to repay their scholarship award in full.

6. Delaware Diplomats are required to submit at least one post to the IGS Global Blog during their study abroad program following IGS prompts.

7. Delaware Diplomats are required to send IGS their two best photos depicting what they learned about the local culture at their study abroad location. Photos should be
a minimum resolution of 300 jpg and at least 1496 K or 1.2 MB in size. They must be emailed to IGS at udstudyabroadphotos@gmail.com from abroad with the student’s name, program name, and a brief description of each photo.

8. Delaware Diplomats are expected to attend 1-2 IGS events upon returning from their study abroad program. Students should be prepared to talk about their study abroad experience.