



Americans Abroad Exchange Program Jessica King Scholarship Fund Information and Instructions

AIPT awards competitive scholarships annually in amounts up to \$2000 to American individuals approved to participate in an international practical training program within the field of hospitality.



In January 2002, the Association for International Practical Training (AIPT) and the King family announced the creation of the Jessica King Scholarship Fund, which pays tribute to an outstanding young woman whose life was prematurely cut short by the crash of Scandinavian Airlines flight 686 in Milan, Italy, on October 8, 2001. Jessica, who was 31 years of age at the time of the accident and an employee of the Copenhagen Marriott Hotel in Denmark, had already forged an international career for herself in the hotel industry. The King family selected AIPT to administer the scholarship and designated that the funds support AIPT's Programs for Americans Abroad because this program's mission best embodied Jessica's own belief in the importance of international experience. AIPT has received contributions from family, friends, and former colleagues toward this scholarship endowment, including a generous contribution from the J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation.

AIPT's programs provide opportunities for early career Americans to gain global competencies and increase cultural understanding by living and working abroad as participants in one of our exchange programs.

Eligibility

Work Abroad: Scholarship applicants must have an offer of training/work contract from an employer in the hospitality industry for a position outside the U.S. and must be participants in an AIPT program.

Education: Applicants must have an educational degree (Associate or Bachelor degree or ACF certification) from a hospitality/culinary school or program, or must have had at least 2 years of employment in the hospitality industry.

U.S. Citizenship: Applicants must be United States citizens and valid passport holders.

Language Requirement: AIPT strongly prefers that all scholarship applicants have proficiency in the language of the host country, even if not expressly required by the host employer.

Guidelines

Scholarship applications are to be submitted using the AIPT Americans Abroad Exchange Program application and must include:

- **2 letters of reference** from an employer or teacher; letters from family or friends will not be considered
- **2 copies of resume or C.V.**
- **1 copy of school transcripts**
- ***Scholarship Essay** - this scholarship essay will also serve as the "Personal Statement" required in the Americans Abroad Application and should describe the applicant's motivation for participating in a practical work experience abroad, describing the skills that you expect to learn from your international work experience. Include in your response how you will apply the experience to your future endeavors upon return to the United States. Also explain why you believe that you are best suited to receive this scholarship award and what it would mean to you. Your essay should be at least 500 words, and not exceed 1000 words.
- Candidates will be selected competitively based on the application submitted, with special emphasis on the Scholarship Essay.

Applications are accepted year-round.

Terms of Award

Scholarship recipients will be chosen each year on a first come basis.

Scholarships awarded will be paid out in two parts: \$1500 upon approval of program and just prior to departure and \$500 at the end of 12 months or the end of the program, whichever comes first, contingent upon completion of the AIPT evaluation form and a thank you letter to the King family describing the value of your experience.

The awards support program-related expenses, including international travel, relocations costs, and applicable fees.

Scholarships are intended to support a year-long experience abroad, but requests for programs of a shorter or longer duration will be considered.

AIPT does not fund the following:

- Retroactive program support
- Support for dependents

Recipients authorize AIPT to use their likeness and statement excerpts or quotes in AIPT promotional materials.



Americans Abroad Exchange Program Jessica King Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please submit the following with this completed and signed scholarship application:

- AIPT Americans Abroad Program application
- Two letters of reference
- Two copies of resume/CV
- One copy of transcript
- Scholarship essay

I. Applicant Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle:
Permanent Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
E-mail:		Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Current Address:		Current Address Valid Until (MM/DD/YY):	
City:		State:	Zip:
Birth Date (MM/DD/YY):		City of Birth:	Country of Birth:
Country of Citizenship:		Country of Permanent Legal Residence:	
Marital Status:		If married, will your spouse and/or children accompany you? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Passport Number(s):			Expiration Date:

II. Emergency Contact in the United States

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:
Address:		
City:		Zip Code:
E-mail:		Mobile Phone:
Relationship to Applicant:		

III. Training Information

Prospective Host Employer:		
Host Employer Contact:		Title of Contact:
Host Employer Address:		
City:		Postal Code:
E-mail:		Fax:
Expected training/internship dates (MM/DD/YY): to		

III. Foreign Language Skills:

Foreign Language(s):		Primary language spoken in country of training:		
Please rate your language ability in the following categories:				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Comprehension:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Briefly describe your foreign language background (i.e. education, years studied, current proficiency, experience, etc.):				

V. Activities and Affiliations

Please list your activities and affiliations outside of work:

VI. Scholarships

Please list any awards and/or scholarships you have received:

VII. Scholarship Essay

On a separate sheet and within a minimum of 500 words but no more than 1000 words, please describe why you feel you should be selected for this scholarship. Please make sure your essay answers the following questions:

Why do you want to work abroad?

What do you intend to do when you return to the United States?

How do you foresee your experience working abroad will help your career development in the United States?

What do you expect to learn about cultural understanding?

VIII. How did you hear about the Jessica King Scholarship?

High School University Other (please explain):

Certification

Please read the following statement carefully before signing at the bottom.

I understand and accept that AIPT, in making its selections, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, or gender. If accepted, I grant to AIPT the right to use my name, likeness, and biographical information in advertising and promotion in all media without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. I certify to AIPT that:

- The information given in the application is complete and accurate;
- I will make every reasonable effort to follow any instructions given to me by AIPT and its cooperating agencies;
- I am a U.S. citizen;
- I am a high school graduate; and
- I am over 18 years of age.

Signature: _____

Date: _____