



## SFS SEMESTER SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The School for Field Studies (SFS) awards over \$180,000 in need-based scholarships each year with roughly one third of SFS students receiving aid. SFS greatly appreciates the support of our alumni and other generous donors who make this possible through their contributions to the SFS general scholarship fund and individually named scholarships. SFS also thanks the Merck Family Foundation for helping to create a zero-interest, revolving loan program. Aid is awarded on a first come, first served basis and is subject to the availability of funds. Financial aid applications must be complete and are not reviewed until a student has been accepted to an SFS program; however, students should apply for financial aid as early as possible.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS** – meet with a financial aid administrator at your home institution to discuss your intent to study with SFS. Do not wait until you have been accepted to an SFS program as it may be too late to apply for aid. Only your home institution administrator can tell you what types of aid you are permitted to transfer to an SFS program and what you need to do in order to receive these funds. It is your responsibility to understand the requirements and deadlines of your home institution regarding financial aid for study abroad. ***The administrator must sign the appropriate form in order for you to apply for SFS financial aid.***

**You must submit the following items within 10 business days of acceptance to an SFS program:**

1. SFS Financial Aid Application: to be completed by the student.
2. Home Institution Financial Aid Administrator Form: you must meet with your administrator and submit the form along with your SFS Financial Aid Application.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ **SFS General Scholarship Fund:** awards are need-based. All SFS students are eligible to apply. Maximum \$5,000 for semester; \$2,000 for summer.
- ▶ **Andreas Family Foundation Scholarship:** awards are need-based. Eligibility is limited to students attending US public institutions and is for semester programs only. Maximum award \$6,000.
- ▶ **Heather Jo Leibowitz Memorial Scholarship:** awards are need-based and available only to students on the Kenya program. In remembrance of Heather, preference will be given to students who have a commitment to making a difference in the lives of resource dependent communities in Kenya.
- ▶ **Erin Bergstrom Memorial Scholarship:** awards are need-based. Preference will be given to students who have both a commitment to preservation of the environment, and have demonstrated leadership skills at the University or in their communities.
- ▶ **Fountain Scholarship:** need-based, for students who have spent a substantial part of their childhood and teenage years in an urban/city environment (U.S. or internationally) and demonstrate a commitment and concern for environmental issues. This scholarship is made possible by the generosity of SFS alumnus and noted film director of *The Fountain*, Darren Aronofsky.
- ▶ **McKee Scholarship:** this endowed scholarship was made possible by the generosity of Charles D. McKee, a member of the SFS Board of Trustees and father of SFS alumnae Heidi and Nina McKee. It is awarded on an annual basis to a financially deserving student attending any SFS summer or semester program.
- ▶ **Stephen F. Lee Memorial Scholarship:** established by the family of Stephen F. Lee who developed a passion for the marine environment as an SFS student, intern and faculty member. The scholarship is awarded to financially deserving students attending an SFS summer or semester program. Preference is given to students who attend an SFS marine focused program.
- ▶ **Tozer Scholarship:** endowed scholarship was made possible by the generosity of Elizabeth F. and W. James Tozer, Jr. Zibby and Jim are long-standing supporters of The School for Field Studies where Jim served as a distinguished member of the SFS Board of Trustees. The Tozer Scholarship is awarded to students who otherwise could not afford to attend an SFS program.
- ▶ **SFS Travel Grants:** awards are need-based. A limited number of travel grants have been established to help offset the cost of travel to SFS programs. Preference given to students participating in Kenya and Australia programs, where the cost of airfare is significantly higher than other SFS programs.

### PROGRAM DEPOSIT REFUND INFORMATION

All tuition payments are non-refundable except in cases where SFS financial aid is sought and the subsequent award is inadequate. In order to qualify for refund status, you must:

- ▶ Submit tuition deposit within 10 business days of your date of acceptance.
- ▶ Complete and return the financial aid application within 10 business days of your date of acceptance.
- ▶ Decline your offer of SFS financial aid within 10 business days of the financial aid award date should you decide you are unable to participate due to financial constraints.



# SFS FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Please indicate the SFS program to which you are applying:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- Kenya/Tanzania
- Australia
- Baja, Mexico
- Costa Rica
- Turks & Caicos Islands

Session:

- Fall Semester
- Spring Semester

## Personal Information

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU AN SFS ALUMNA/US? \_\_\_\_\_ WHICH PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

## School or Current Address

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

## Permanent Address

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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SCHOOL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Aid Request

Total SFS program cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated travel costs: \_\_\_\_\_

(Current program costs can be found at [www.fieldstudies.org](http://www.fieldstudies.org) or in the SFS course catalog).

Total aid requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the scholarship and/or loan for which you are applying. You may apply for more than one:

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Andreas Family Foundation Scholarships are need-based. Applicants must be from public institutions; semester applicants only.
- Heather Jo Leibowitz Memorial Scholarship awards based on need and demonstrated commitment to environmental issues. Only applicants to Kenya program may apply.
- McKee Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to financially deserving students attending any SFS summer or semester program. Made possible by the generosity of Charles D. McKee.
- Tozer Scholarship is awarded to students who otherwise could not afford to attend an SFS program. Made possible by the generosity of Elizabeth F. and W. James Tozer, Jr.
- Stephen F. Lee Memorial Scholarship is awarded to financially deserving students attending an SFS summer or semester program. Preference is given to students who attend an SFS marine focused program.
- Fountain Scholarships are need-based; for students from urban backgrounds who are committed to environmental issues. Made possible by the generosity of SFS alumnus and noted film director Darren Aronofsky.
- The School for Field Studies General Scholarships are need-based. Available to all SFS students. Maximum award is \$5,000 (semester); \$2,000 (summer).

### TRAVEL GRANTS

- Travel Grant/Travel Voucher awards based on need and designed to offset travel costs. Maximum \$1,500 travel voucher.

### Loan Program (optional)

- Merck Family Foundation Zero Interest Loan maximum \$2,400 for semester, \$1,200 for summer. Semester loans must be repaid within two years. Summer loans within one year.

-OR-

- SFS Low Interest Loan. Semester students only. Maximum \$5,000 with four year repayment plan.

Loan amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_



## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please describe your situation and explain any unusual circumstances which you feel should be known by the Scholarship Committee (use an additional sheet of paper if necessary). Please be sure to address your eligibility for the particular scholarship for which you are applying.



# SFS HOME INSTITUTION FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR FORM

## STUDENT INFORMATION

(Student: complete the information in this box and have the remainder of the form filled out by your financial aid advisor)

By signing this form I authorize my financial aid information to be released to the SFS Financial Aid Committee.

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE
SFS PROGRAM	SESSION/YEAR	

## FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR:

The above student is applying for financial aid from The School for Field Studies (SFS). This form is required by SFS in order for the student to be considered for SFS aid. The information you supply is critical in determining the individual need of the student. SFS awards approximately \$180,000 in scholarships each year. SFS also provides optional loans for students. All students are encouraged to discuss their intent to study abroad with their financial aid administrator. Any scholarship awarded to a student will be deducted from their SFS invoice. SFS does not award cash/checks directly to students. Travel grants awarded to a student will be done so in coordination with the SFS travel agency, again, cash is not awarded directly to a student.

Please respond to the following questions to the best of your ability, utilizing, as necessary, the most recent Free Application for Financial (FAFSA), Student Aid Report (SAR) and/or any additional financial aid profile information you have for the student. If the student does not have any of the aforementioned documentation, please use your best judgement. If you have any questions, please contact Lili Batchelder, Director of Admissions and Institutional Relations at lbatchelder@fieldstudies.org or call 800/989.4418.

1. Has this student received financial aid in the past academic year?  Yes  No (If no, proceed to question 4.)

2. Will the student's aid be available for transfer to his/her program with SFS?

- Federal Aid  None
- State Aid  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Institutional Aid

3. Please indicate the amounts to be provided for the session/term listed above:

Federal Pell Grant	State Grant
Federal SEOG _____	Institutional Aid (other than those listed above) _____
Federal Perkins Loan _____	Other aid available for study abroad _____
Stafford Loans _____	Total amount for session/term _____
_____	_____

4. Please indicate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for the session/term listed: \$  
(Required for students who are not receiving aid or for students whose aid does not transfer.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Based upon your assessment of the student's financial situation, is there any additional information that would be useful to the SFS Financial Aid Committee?

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Please sign below and return this form to the student. The student is required to submit this form as a part of the financial aid application.

NAME	TITLE
DEPARTMENT	INSTITUTION
TELEPHONE	EMAIL