



Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund

Broadening Horizons Through Education, Cultural and Foreign Exchange

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp., hereinafter “the company,” was incorporated on December 30, 2004 as a Florida non-profit corporation. Its primary purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving students to promote culture and learning. This program is designed to promote education, encourage people to experience other cultures, and enrich lives.

The following is an outline of the qualifications for students participating in the scholarship program:

1. Students who receive a scholarship must become a member of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund. The cost is \$25.00
2. High School exchange program students must be between 15 and 18 years old.
3. College Study Abroad students must be between 18 and 24 years old. These students must be actively enrolled in a study abroad program in an accredited College or University and provide evidence.
4. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.2.
5. Students must come from a family with sound values and morals.
6. Students must have a record of being well disciplined.
7. Students must be of sound character.

Upon receipt of applications, recommendations and biographies, a committee reviews each applicant with the process of eliminating those who do not qualify according to the criterion outlined above. Those eliminated will receive a letter stating their elimination and the reason. Interviews will then be scheduled for the remaining applicants. Each student is required to sign a “consent form” and a “waiver of responsibility.”

When the students return from their study abroad, they provide board members with a report of their trip, what they have learned, both culturally and educationally, and photographs or a video of highlights of their trip.

Increasing Awareness of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp.

A student ambassador club has been formed. The purpose of the club is to stimulate enthusiasm of students to volunteer time to “give back” to the community and increase awareness of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund among our youth. The club is comprised of a President, a VicePresident,



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and committee members. Various duties of the members might include, decorations and/or registrations for various fundraising events, clerical help, and increasing communication skills with other countries. Upon accepting this scholarship, each recipient must agree to contribute their time in the student ambassador program before they travel abroad. This contribution can be in the form of attending Thomas W. McCormick sponsored events, assisting the Chairman of the Board with assistance in the office, and/or any other efforts deemed necessary to further the awareness of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund. Ideally, the student should contribute at least 10 hours of service before their trip abroad.

In addition, the company will sponsor student ambassadors to attend regular socials open to both members and the general public. Two examples of these kinds of events include our “signature event” which is the annual Boat Parade Celebration held during the boat parade each year in December and other socials.

Services to “Members” of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp

In order to further its mission the Company offers individuals several different membership opportunities. A central database is used to track each member’s membership. There are four levels of membership: students, individuals, family, and corporate. Student memberships are \$25.00 and include high school and college. Individual memberships are \$50.00 and are for one person living alone. Family memberships are \$85.00 and include a husband and wife or two partners living under the same roof. Corporate memberships are \$250.00 and include 3 employees of a corporation. Student and individual members are entitled to 1 vote. Family members are entitled to 1 vote. Corporate members are entitled to 3 votes.

The Company will maintain a centralized database updated on a regular basis, which provides an accurate record of the members, their membership status, current contact information and membership date.

Additionally, a website was created so that the members will have access to planned activities. Member services and benefits will primarily be conducted through Vice President/Committee of Membership. All contributions from professionals, corporations, and other donors will be used to further the goal of the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp.

**Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund is a Florida Non-Profit Organization
501 C-3 Tax Exempt. Your contribution is tax deductible as allowed by law.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Legal Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Male Female Date of birth: _____

School: _____

Applicant's Interests/Hobbies: _____



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Foreign Languages spoken: _____

Countries to which you have traveled or lived (if applicable): _____

What study abroad program are you applying to? Please include location and dates. Why are you planning to participate in this program and how do you think your life will be enriched by this experience?



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Why do you want to learn about different cultures? _____

Describe what personal traits or qualities would help you in adapting to different cultures, customs, and living environments? _____

How did you learn about the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund program? _____



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Please include the following to your application:

- Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes. One must be from a professor and the other can be from someone other than a relative.
- Unofficial and up to date college transcript.
- Signed consent form.

Every applicant will receive confirmation that his or her application has been considered. Finalists will be invited for a personal interview.



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STUDENT CONSENT FORM

I agree to represent the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp. as a student ambassador to the best of my ability reflecting good moral character, a positive attitude and sound judgment at all times during my 2019 study abroad program. More specifically, I agree to the following:

1. I will attend all applicable orientation sessions and other related matters held by my college/university prior to my departure.
2. I agree to actively participate in the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp.'s ambassador club by participating in Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund related activities.
3. I will do my best to be a considerate and responsible guest in the country I travel.
4. I will attend social functions that will be held by the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp. on an official basis.
5. I will be available to give presentations about the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp. and the cultural exchange program and my experiences.
6. I will have a valid passport at least one month prior departure. In the event that I don't have a passport by that date, I will inform the committee chair.
7. During my Study Abroad Program, I will not participate in any activity, event or sport that could cause physical injury to me or others, including but not limited to intimate relations, bungee jumping, skydiving, hang gliding, parasailing, motor racing, operating any motor vehicle, drinking alcoholic beverage, consuming drugs not prescribed to me, or any other activity not sponsored by the Thomas W. McCormick Scholarship Fund, Corp.
8. I understand that, if under a certain age, it is illegal to consume alcohol.

Full Legal Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature