

# Edward and Barbara Greb Award for Education Abroad JayTerm Award Application Instructions

## SCHOLARSHIP BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

In the late 1960s, Dr. Greb was a young recently unemployed Korean Conflict veteran, married with a young child and an undergraduate at Duquesne University. He decided to leave classes at the University to find employment. The University required an “exit interview” and he scheduled a meeting with Dr. Helena Miller, a Professor of Biology and an Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Others had been scheduled for interviews that same afternoon and the long wait in the hall outside Dr. Miller’s office did nothing to raise his spirits. Eventually, it was his turn and Dr. Miller called his name. He entered “Sit down,” she said with a tone that he remembered from her classes in biology that meant, “I’ll tell you when to speak.” She shuffled some papers and finally handed him a completed registration form for the next semester. He said, “There must be a mistake. I’m not coming back.” “Nonsense,” Dr. Miller said. “Your grades aren’t spectacular, but they are acceptable.”

He repeated that he would not be returning to Duquesne University. She stared at him for a few seconds and becoming somewhat angry said, “I’m very busy. I’m behind schedule. There are others waiting in the hall. Why aren’t you returning?” A simple and honest reply from him, “I don’t have the money.” Again, a stare and a question, “Money is stopping you from continuing as a student?” And again he replied, “I don’t have the money.”

Dr. Miller opened a drawer in her desk, removed a handbag and placed her checkbook on the desk. She wrote a check, stapled it to the form, and handed the form to Dr. Greb. The amount of the check was the tuition required for the next semester and it was addressed to the Duquesne University Business Office. He sat for a few moments looking at the check. She broke the silence with, “I’m behind schedule. You know where the business office is located...?” “How do I repay you?” He said. “Get the hell out of here,” she replied, “I’m busy!”

He remained at Duquesne University, eventually receiving both BA in Psychology and an MA in Sociology, but before those events he talked often with Dr. Miller. Her kindness was based on a promise she had made years before to a similar benefactor, which she had honored often. It seems as an undergraduate, she too was unable to pay her tuition. Faced with the prospect of leaving the university, a person provided her tuition with two conditions: no repayment was necessary but would be appreciated at some point in time, and that she would extend the kindness to others in need as her ability to assist improved. Dr. Greb made the same promise to Dr. Miller and has honored his commitment many times since then.

## AWARD TIMELINE & APPLICATION CYCLE

There will be two selection periods.

### Upperclass & Returning Student Selection

Any student who will be a returning student at any level or have sophomore standing or above in academic year 2019-2020 should apply by **May 15, 2019**.

### Freshman and New Student Selection

Any student who will be a freshman or new student for academic year 2019-2020 should apply by **October 15, 2019**. Transfer students entering for fall 2019 should also apply by this deadline.

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The Edward and Barbara Greb Award is available on a competitive basis to Washington & Jefferson College students for study abroad during JayTerm. Applications should be submitted online. A complete application has two parts; all parts are due by the designated deadline.

**Part 1 – Completed [application form](https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Qne3ObOFMh9Apf).** Note that the application will ask you for a 2-3 page essay. Write it in advance, and copy and paste it in. Full link, should you need to copy and paste it into your browser: [https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6Qne3ObOFMh9Apf](https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Qne3ObOFMh9Apf)

**Essay Prompt (address all points):** The spirit of the Edward and Barbara Greb Award is to give back. How have you demonstrated this spirit of service and volunteerism in your life? Why you have chosen your particular travel course, and how does it relate to your future career plans?

**Part 2: Two [recommendations from faculty or staff members](https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3WdjPEkym0AQfGJ)** which must be submitted through our online form. Please send this link to the people who will recommend you: [https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3WdjPEkym0AQfGJ](https://washjeff.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3WdjPEkym0AQfGJ)

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND ITEMS OF NOTE

**Please read carefully – you must meet these specific requirements in order to be eligible for this scholarship:**

- Be a full-time student
- Not already hold a baccalaureate degree
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Be in good academic standing
- Be enrolled in or plan to enroll in a credit-bearing JayTerm travel course
- Agree to submit a follow-up report and photos of the experience to the Office of Study Abroad by March 1, for January JayTerm travel courses, or October 1, for May/August JayTerm Travel courses
- All students are invited to apply; however, preference will be given to applicants who have not previously had an overseas experience, who have a high level of financial need, and/or who have a demonstrated spirit of service/volunteerism
- Awards are anticipated to be in the amount of \$1,000 or \$2,500 but may vary
- Recipients will have their W&J travel account credited or receive a check with the award amounts.
- If the travel course is cancelled or the student withdraws, the funds must be forfeited
- Awards will be given to qualified applicants; applicants are reviewed by a selection committee. The committee determines the appropriate qualifications of awardees and has the ability to make discretionary decisions about award disbursement
- Incomplete applications will not be considered