



Global Scholars Study Abroad Program 2014 SERVICE LEARNING – Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: July 31st, 2014 – August 11th, 2014 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

What is the Service Learning Program in Costa Rica?

Gateway formed a partnership VIDA, a non-profit organization promoting sustainable community building. The aim of this partnership is to provide service learning experiences that allow participants to use skills learned in the classroom while assisting grassroots programs in needy communities across two countries in Central America.

To be eligible you must:

- Be either be in a Dental or Medical/Healthcare program, graduated from a Dental or Medical/Healthcare program
- All Participants must have completed a minimum of 6 credits in their respective programs (Medical/Dental) with a C or better by January 13, 2014 or demonstrate equivalent knowledge
- All Non-Participants should be able to provide a certificate/license/diploma obtained after completing their respective field(s) of study
- All Participants should have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program
- All candidates are required to provide two (2) recommendations from colleagues, co-workers, supervisors or instructors
- Be available for an interview during the 1st week of March, 2014
- Must be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by June 15, 2014
- Be able to obtain and submit a basic background check (at own expense) and submit prior to the interview date

Successful candidates will have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, work well in a team environment and be able to handle uncertainty.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course International Field Study Course
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines
- Participate in pre-departure activities including orientations
- Submit a signed Publicity Release Form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form. We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the picture page of your passport
- Pay a \$250 refundable fee as a sign of willingness to comply with Gateway Technical College rules and regulations while out of the U.S. (This amount will be returned within 2 weeks of the completion of the program if candidate abides to set rules and regulations)
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rules, codes of conduct, regulations, instructions or laws during the program. Non-compliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and being immediately sent home at your expense.

How much will it cost? (*all fees are estimated*)

Program Fees	\$2,540.00
This includes airfare, transportation, lodging, most meals and medical insurance	
Expected out-of-pocket expenses:	
Passport (proof of valid passport required)	135.00
Vaccinations (optional but recommended)	100.00
Tuition for required course	270.00
Incidentals & spending money (suggested minimum)	200.00
Total Estimated Expenses	\$3,245.00

Financial assistance

- Non-Gateway Technical College candidates are responsible for securing all finances needed for payment on their own.

Fee payment schedule

Deposit

- \$75 paid to Gateway Global Scholars when application is submitted
- Refundable if not approved for the program but is otherwise non-refundable

Course tuition

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See the GTC Student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.

Program fees

- Paid to Gateway Global Scholars
- Remaining program fees will be due by July 11, 2014.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPLY:

- ✎ **Complete pages 4-7 and submit to any Student Services Center with a \$75 deposit by February 15, 2014**
- ✎ **Send two (2) recommendations by February 28, 2014 to:** Chinedu Obowu, Gateway Technical College, 1001 S. Main St., Racine WI 53144 or obowuc@gtc.edu

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Chinedu Obowu at 262-619-6546 or obowuc@gtc.edu



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM Policy Statements

The following policies govern Participant participation in Global Scholar programs at Gateway Technical College. By submitting an application for a Global Scholar program you are agreeing to abide by these policies.

Payment of Fees and Refund Policy

The following fee schedule and cancellation/refund policy apply to Gateway's Global Scholar programs:

- An application fee must accompany all applications and is refunded only if the participant is not selected for the program.
- Course tuition is paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See the GTC Student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Other program fees paid to Gateway will be refunded less unrecoverable expenses incurred on the participant's behalf upon written notice received prior to the departure date of the participant's intent to withdraw from the program. No fees will be refunded after the departure date.

Participant Program Requirements/Compliance

Participants are expected to meet all requirements of the program including pre-departure and post-travel activities. Failure to meet these requirements may result in expulsion from the program and forfeiture of fees. Furthermore, participants are required to comply with any applicable rules, codes of conduct, regulations, instructions or laws during the program. Non-compliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and being immediately sent home at participant's expense.

Statement Regarding Program Changes

Gateway's Global scholar program reserves the right to change the group's itinerary at any time without notice. Gateway Technical College may determine that circumstances within a foreign country require cancellation of the program. The participant must provide Gateway Technical College with advanced written notice if she/he decides to leave the program.

Release of Information

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, we provide certain directory information about participants enrolled for study abroad. This information includes name, home address and telephone number, home school, major, program and dates of attendance. We make this information available to study abroad advisors or other officials at other institutions. You may elect to withhold any or all of this directory information by notifying our office in writing when the application is submitted.

Exceptions to the above requirements may be granted at the discretion of the International Program Coordinator.

5. How do you anticipate this program will impact your career goals/development?

6. Describe previous intercultural experiences, including experiences with people who differ from you with regard to race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. How have these experiences prepared you for the challenges of adjusting to a new culture and lifestyle?



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS / ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Acknowledgment of Risks / Acceptance of Responsibility Agreement and Release ("Agreement and Release") is executed by _____ ("Participant") and is issued to GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, INC.

Name of Program/Training: 2014 Service Learning – Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Date(s): July 31 – August 11, 2014 (tentative dates)

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Participant's desire to participate in the Program

Participant acknowledges that he/she is participating in the Gateway Service Learning in Costa Rica and Nicaragua program. Participant expressly acknowledges that he/she has freely and voluntarily decided to participate in this Program. Participant acknowledges receiving the following written materials regarding the Program in which Participant intends to participate:

Global Scholars Program Policies, passport requirements, course requirements and financial information.

Health and Safety

Participant understands and acknowledges that:

Participant has consulted with a medical doctor with regard to any personal medical needs. Further, Participant represents that he/she has no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict his/her participation in the Program.

Participant is aware of all applicable personal medical needs, and has arranged, through comprehensive health and medical insurance, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while he/she participates in the Program.

Participant understands and acknowledges that the College may, but is not obligated to take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding the Participant's health and safety. Further, Participant agrees to pay all expenses relating thereto and releases GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE from any liability for any actions taken.

Acceptable conduct by Participant

Participant is aware of the behavior expected while participating in the Program. There is certain behavior that is unacceptable and could lead to possible disruption or discontinuation of Participant's participation in the Program, including, but not limited to loud, boisterous, offensive or otherwise inappropriate conduct, the improper use of alcohol or other drugs affecting Participant's participation in the Program, as well as, carrying any firearms or other weapons while participating in the Program. Participant shall abide by all policies, rules and regulations established by GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE and the Program. Participant shall also abide by the rules, policies and procedures of any practicum placement. Participant assures GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE that he/she shall act in an appropriate manner at all times. If GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE finds it necessary to expel Participant from participation in the Program, he/she will not receive any refund of Program fees.

Waiver of GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S Liability and Indemnification of GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE for Risks and Dangers

As a condition precedent to Participant's participation in the Program, Participant agrees to exercise reasonable care at all times with respect to the safety of Participant's own person and personal property, and with respect to the safety of other Participants and their personal property. Participant understands, however, that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in the activities included in the Program. Participant acknowledges that participation in the Program may involve the risk of damage to property, bodily injury, and, in some cases, even death. Neither GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, nor the Program's Educational Coordinator, assumes any responsibility for such personal injuries or property damage. Participant further acknowledges that he/she is at least eighteen (18) years of age, and is competent to sign this document. If Participant is a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, the parent and/or guardian acknowledges they are competent to sign this document on behalf of the Participant.

Accordingly, Participant, for him/herself and the Participant's spouse (if applicable), heirs, assigns, related individuals and related entities, does hereby waive, release, absolve, discharge and agree to hold harmless GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE and its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, employees, teachers, agents and insurers, and the Program's Coordinator (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from and against any and all rights, claims, demands, causes of action, obligations, suits, liens, damages, or liabilities of any kind and character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or claimed, which the Participant shall, or may have, in the future against the Released Parties arising out of, based on, related to, or connected with, the Participant's enrollment and participation in the Program. Participant also agrees to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from the payment of



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any and all judgments, settlements, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees that are associated with the Released Parties having to defend or investigate any claim, action or proceeding of any type whatsoever arising out of the Participant's enrollment or participation in the Program, including, but not limited to, claims for breach of contract, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise. This indemnification obligation and Agreement and Release does not, however, absolve the Released Parties from any liabilities, damages, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees incurred due to its intentional or reckless conduct.

Participant understands that if any fact with respect to which this Agreement and Release is executed is found hereafter to be other than or different from any fact now believed by Participant to be true, Participant expressly accepts and assumes the risk of such a possible difference and agrees that this Agreement and Release shall be and remains effective notwithstanding such difference in facts.

Governing Law: Forum

Participant agrees that this Agreement and Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under, or incident to, this Agreement and Release. The terms and provisions of this Agreement and Release shall be severable, such that if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Agreement and Release, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected.

Other Provisions

The Released Parties are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by the Released Parties will cause them to assume no responsibility for any injury, damage or medical expense which might arise out of, or in connection with, such emergency medical treatment.

It is the Participant's express intent that this Agreement and Release shall bind the members of the Participant's family and spouse (if applicable); and if the Participant is deceased, it shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Released Parties by the Participant's family and spouse (if applicable), for any matter arising out of Participant's participation in the Program.

By signing this document, Participant acknowledges and represents that he/she is fully informed of the contents of this Agreement and Release. By reading it before signing it, and by signing this document as the Participant's own free act, Participant confirms that no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from those made herein, have been made.

This Agreement and Release requires you to give up substantial legal rights.
Please read and understand this document before you sign it.

Participant

Date