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Ragsdale Parents!

*We are excited to announce that our school has been chosen to renew its scholarship award of \$25,000 in **Global Navigator Scholarships** for students to study abroad during their 2018 summer break!* A high school study abroad experience puts students in the top 1% of college applicants and gives them a great topic for their college application essays.

These [summer study abroad programs](#) are through [CIEE](#), an organization that has 65 years of experience in international exchanges.

There are three types of programs:

- **Language & Culture** – Whether your teen is interested in **Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, German, Japanese, Italian, or Arabic**, language and cultural immersion programs are the best way to build language fluency and cultural competence. Upon completion, students will come home with a certificate showing growth in language proficiency, new cultural insights, and a portfolio of media products demonstrating their progress. For a \$100 transcript fee, students can opt to receive 4 college credits for their 4-week program.
- **Service & Leadership** – In community projects in countries such as the Dominican Republic, Ghana, or China, students help to make the world a better place and develop lifelong skills that will serve them as global citizens. Service projects focus on **community development, the environment, children’s rights, or education**, and students earn a certificate for 45 hours of service.
- **Global Discovery** – Students explore a personal interest in places such as Thailand, Tanzania, Costa Rica, Bonaire or Italy and may even get a head start on a career! Programs include **Digital Filmmaking & Documentary, Human Rights & Environmental Policy, Biodiversity & Conservation, Public Health, Global Entrepreneurship, or Marine Ecology**.

Students graduating in 2019, 2020, or 2021 are eligible to apply for a scholarship for Summer 2018. Scholarship funds will be awarded based on merit and on financial need. Students traveling on a scholarship for summer 2016 or 2017 are not eligible to reapply for scholarships, but will receive an Alumni Discount of 10% off their summer program. **The deadline to apply is December 1, 2017.** The deadline is earlier this year to allow students more time to fundraise for their flight costs.

Students may apply online as early as this summer at:

- <http://www.ciee.org/hsummer>

**A summer spent studying abroad can have a lifelong impact on your student.** The Global Navigator Scholarships make this valuable experience accessible, so we encourage you to seize this opportunity and apply!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your local CIEE contact:

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