The Marta Umanzor Study Abroad Scholarship
Scholarship Application Announcement

Description

The Marta Umanzor Study Abroad Scholarship Fund has been established to honor the legacy of Professor Marta Umanzor for her skill as a teacher of the Spanish language, her ability to breathe life into Spanish literature, and her devotion to and love for her students. The $500 scholarship encourages and supports Spanish majors and minors studying abroad in Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. Preference will be given to a student participating in a study abroad program with a service-learning component. Scholarship awards will be based on the applicant’s letter of intent, academic achievement, letter of recommendation and level of documented financial need.

The scholarships are funded through gifts from Ellen Bernstein, a former student of Marta Umanzor, in honor of Professor Umanzor’s exemplary work at Saint Michael’s College:

Throughout my life I have had the privilege of pursuing various professional and enjoyable endeavors. When I retired as a family mediator at age of 60 I read a newspaper article which described the benefits of learning a new language post retirement. I immediately decided to begin my study of Spanish and five years later, I continue my studies daily. At that time, I had no idea that by studying Spanish I would not only learn to speak, understand, read and write the language, but also I would learn about a variety of cultures, would be introduced to a rich world of Spanish literature, and of course, make a lot of warm and patient friends from Vermont, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Mexico, Uruguay, El Salvador and Bolivia. I have had several wonderful teachers along the way, each one of whom has taught me a great deal. Professor Marta Umanzor is one of those outstanding professors, and knowing that she will be retiring from Saint Michaels quite soon, I wanted to create The Marta Umanzor Study Abroad Scholarship in order to provide assistance to appropriate students and to preserve Professor Umanzor's legacy.

– Ellen Bernstein

Application Process

Students interested in applying to the Marta Umanzor Scholarship should contact Peggy Imai, Director of Study Abroad, for an application form. Email: pimai@smcvt.edu. In addition to the application form, students must submit a letter of recommendation from a professor in the Modern Languages Department, preferably a Spanish professor.

Additional Requirements

As a condition of acceptance, the scholarship recipient will be asked to provide Ms. Bernstein with a short summary of what was meaningful about his/her study abroad experience, particularly as it relates to learning and service.

Application Deadline

Monday, October 19, 2015 for Spring 2016 study abroad