

## **Critical Need Language Award Essay**

Note: This essay has a limit of 2000 characters w/ spaces.

### **I. Introduction**

- a. Where will you be studying abroad and what critical need language will you be studying?
- b. Why is it important for you to study this language?
- c. Address if this study abroad program has a language immersion component and/or if you will be taking language classes.

### **II. Addressing your goal of language proficiency**

- a. How will this program assist you in becoming proficient in the language?
- b. What kind of courses will you be taking to become proficient in the language?
- c. How do you plan to practice this language in the host country?

### **III. Connecting language proficiency to your goals**

- a. Why is language proficiency important within your future career?
- b. How will you be able to use this language in your future career?
- c. How might this benefit your field or the U.S.?

### **IV. Conclusion**

- a. Summarize II in a sentence.
- b. Summarize III in a sentence.
- c. Explain how you will continue to build proficiency in the language when you return.