

CIRCUMNAVIGATORS SPONSOR AROUND THE WORLD TRIP

By January, 2009, a student with junior standing from Michigan State University, Wayne State University, or University of Michigan will be awarded a grant to travel around the world. The Michigan Chapter of Circumnavigators is sponsoring this award, and Chapter President, John Carroll, is inviting college juniors to apply between now and November 1. Since 1981, Michigan Circumnavigators, through its Foundation, have sponsored 13 students on an around the world trip during the summer between the junior and senior years. For more details concerning the Foundation and this grant, please look at the link on the Circumnavigators web site: www.circumnavigatorsclub.org. Now would be a great time to investigate a topic and think about a possible itinerary. Examples of research grants are listed under **The Foundation** on the aforementioned website. **This grant/scholarship is worth \$9,000.00.**

The student receiving the grant is looked upon as an ambassador representing both the Circumnavigators, which has 14 chapters throughout the world, and the United States. Interested candidates must complete an application that will be carefully screened by a committee. Several candidates will be chosen to interview with the committee, and a grantee will be chosen based upon the significance of the proposal, written and oral presentation skills, academic record, and achievements while attending college. The application can be downloaded from the Michigan Circumnavigator's website: <http://www.circumnavigators.homestead.com>. Instructions on how to submit the application can be found on this website.

Grantees often report that the around the world experience becomes the highlight of their educational experience. This opportunity allows for a student to apply what one has learned on the college campus to a cross-cultural world. Furthermore, a grantee will develop practical skills in planning, managing, and experiencing an itinerary that circumnavigates the globe. By completing such a trip, the grantee will share a common bond with 1,000 club members including such former members as President Howard Taft, General Douglas MacArthur, Admiral Byrd, John Philip Sousa, and four United States presidents who have served as Honorary President of the Club.

The Circumnavigators Foundation was created by Michigan's legendary travel writer and TV host, George Pierrot, and Raymond Dinsmore from New York. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage global fellowship and understanding by sponsoring grantees while they travel and learn. Also, club members benefit upon the grantee's return by listening to a presentation.

Interested students will apply for the 2009 Around The World Grant through John Carroll. He can be reached by email at mdwc31a@yahoo.com or by phone at 313-824-6564. The deadline is 11/1/08.

Circumnavigators of Michigan, Foundation Grant Application For 2009 Award

Background A college junior will be given a financial grant of \$9,000 to circumnavigate the world during the summer of 2009. A circumnavigator is one who travels around the world, by any means of transportation, in one continual direction. This grant is being targeted toward true juniors. In other words, by May 2009, applicants are eligible to return to the university for one additional year of study with an expected graduation date of May, 2009.

Last Name First Name Email Address

Street Address City State Zip Phone

Campus Address City State Zip Phone

University: _____ Dates of Attendance: _____

Cr. Hrs. Earned as of 9/08 _____ Cr. Hrs. Fall 2008 _____ Expected Cr. Hrs 1/09 _____ (Total should be around 90 hrs.)

College Major: _____ College Minor: _____

Proposal Topic: _____

Grant Requirements:

All application documents must be received by **November 1, 2008**. E-mail the following four requirements to: John Carroll at mdwc31a@yahoo.com . You can also contact him at this email address if you have questions.

1. On a single page, please include all of the above information.
2. Create a project outline that thoroughly addresses your proposed topic. Your project outline needs to be three pages in length and double-spaced with one inch margins and using Times Roman font 12 points. This outline must include the following elements:
 - The proposed project's relevance to furthering global scholarship and understanding.
 - A general itinerary (which must include a minimum of 10 weeks of travel through at least 5 countries spread over at least three broad geographical regions or continents on an around the world routing) and the rationale for the selection of proposed countries to be visited.
 - A plan of study that includes research and planning activities to be undertaken in advance of the trip, and study and research methods proposed for use in the field while taking the trip.
 - The relevance of the study project to your academic field or special interest.
 - Tell how you would give a 30 minute presentation at a future club meeting.

3. A resume

4. College transcripts

Your application will be reviewed by the Selection Committee of the Michigan Circumnavigators. If you are chosen as a finalist and commit to being interviewed, your project outline will need to be expanded before the interview. If you are selected as the 2009 Grantee, you'll be responsible for submitting a 50 page scholarly research paper within 90 days of your return, and you'll be required to give a 30 minute presentation at the Chapter's Oct. 2009 meeting.

FYI:

Before submitting an application, investigate www.circumnavigatorsclub.org for information on the Club and the Foundation, including recent topics of former grantees. This will help you put together a strong proposal. Finalist candidates will be interviewed during November, and the 2009 Grantee will be notified no later than December 31.