

The Studenski Memorial Award

The Studenski Memorial Award is a grant of up to \$4000 established in the memory of Paul Studenski, a Caltech student who was killed in an automobile accident while traveling across the United States in 1974. It is awarded to a Caltech undergraduate who has reached a crossroads in life and would benefit from a period away from the academic community to obtain a better understanding of self and to explore possible directions for his/her future.

Proposal Guidelines

If you are an interested Caltech undergraduate who is in good academic standing, you should submit a concise written proposal (one or two pages) that includes:

- A narrative describing the “crossroad” in which you find yourself. Consider the following questions when articulating your proposal: What are the choices you face? How will time away from Caltech and the academic community help you better understand yourself and your future plans? How will you use this award to explore the world outside of Caltech and your home? How will this award help to expand your horizons?
- How you intend to use the award and how these plans will fulfill the purpose of the award?
- Provide an additional itemized budget sheet with specific plans and estimated expenses. If travel is included, it can be within the United States as well as abroad.
- Identifying information should be left out of the proposal itself. Include a cover sheet with your name, phone number and email address.

Application and Selection Process:

- The Studenski Review Committee of the Caltech Y Board of Directors will review applications and select a recipient.
- Proposals are due by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March 2 to caltechY@caltech.edu or the Caltech Y office. Electronic applications are preferred.
- Proposals deemed most relevant to the purpose of the award will be interviewed by the Committee Tuesday, March 15.
- The award recipient and all applicants will be notified in early April.
- Awardee(s) cannot hold multiple travel awards (i.e. Bishop, San Pedro, etc) for summer 2011.

Questions?

Join us for an informational dinner with former Studenski Recipients hosted by Tom Mannion at his house on Friday, February 17th - 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to caltechY@caltech.edu by February 14th.

If you have additional questions about the award or application process, please contact either Athena Castro (athena@caltech.edu) or Greg Fletcher (gregf@caltech.edu) at 395-6163 or visit the Caltech Y.

Past Recipients:

- 2011 37th Studenski Award Recipient – To Be Determined
- 2010 Katie Brennan volunteered in a nutrition program in Malawi.
- 2009 Sara Hunt studied majority world technologies in Guatemala.
- 2008 Erin Flanigan volunteered on a traveling medical team in Tanzania.
- 2007 Elena Hartoonian studied the art of Flamenco dancing in Spain.
- 2006 Herschel Mukherjee studied environmental policy in Tunisia.
- 2005 Felicia Katz volunteered in a rural medical clinic in Nicaragua.
- 2004 Libin Zhang volunteered with a sea turtles project in Suriname.
- 2003 Iram Bilal studied filmmaking in England.
- 2002 Katie Homann volunteered in a rural medical clinic in Guatemala.

Note: The Studenski Award is not a paid vacation, a chance to get in touch with your roots, to pad your resume, or choose between two scientific career paths. It is also not a community service grant although doing service can be proposed if it helps you address the crossroad you face. **The Studenski Award is intended to help the recipient find clarity of purpose.**