

VCU World Studies

GERMAN STUDIES

VOLKMAR RISCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Risch Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Volkmar Risch, who was an instructor of German at VCU between 1986 and 2006. As a native speaker who maintained strong ties to Germany, Volkmar was able to instill in his students a love for the German language and its rich culture. This scholarship continues his legacy by recognizing outstanding students pursuing the **study of German** while majoring in World Studies, including Anthropology, French, Geography, German, International Studies, Religious Studies, and Spanish.

Student qualifications:

- Recipient must be majoring in the School of World Studies with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Graduating seniors are not eligible.
- Recipient must demonstrate a dedication and commitment to the study of German.
- He or she must have taken at least one year of German or be currently enrolled in German 102.
- Recipient must intend to study abroad in the German-speaking world and apply that experience and knowledge to his or her academic and career path.

Application requirements:

- This completed application form.
- Typed letter of application (600 words or fewer) to the Scholarship Committee, describing clearly and coherently how the applicant meets the qualifications. Personal character, academic ability and financial need will be considered in the decision-making process. Top candidates may be interviewed by the Committee.
- Students must submit a written statement outlining their qualifications for the award as well as two letters of recommendation from faculty members familiar with their proficiency in German.
- If no suitable applicant is identified in a given year, the scholarship will not be awarded and the funds will be retained or reinvested for the following year.

Completed applications should be sent/delivered by **February 12, 2010** to:

VCU, School of World Studies, Scholarship Committee

312 N. Shafer St.

PO Box 842021

Richmond, VA 23284-2021

804-827-1111

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ STUDENT ID NO. V- _____

(City, State, Zip)

PHONE NO. _____ EMAIL: _____

MAJOR: _____ YEAR (Jr./Sr.) _____ GPA: _____