The Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship
Application Form

The Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship was established in memory and in honor of Christopher James “Jamie” Bishop, who died during the tragic shooting at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007. Jamie was a faculty member in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. As a German instructor, he held “the conviction that learning a foreign language and culture is not just a joy, but is fundamental to our civilization - if we are to be civilized.”

The scholarship is for an undergraduate student who at the time of receipt of the study abroad funds is a German major or minor and who is participating in a study abroad program in a German-speaking country for either a semester or a year. The funds may also be used to support such a student pursuing an internship or research in a German-speaking country.

According to Virginia Tech guidelines, the recipient of the scholarship must write a letter of thanks to the donor.

Please address all five sections below. For sections A and C-E simply type the information onto the form, save your responses, and submit the completed application electronically to Dr. Esther Bauer (bauere@vt.edu).

Deadlines:
April 1 for one or two semesters during the following academic year (including summer)
December 1 for the following spring and/or summer

A. General information

Name
E-Mail Address
Major(s)
Minor(s)
GPA in German major
Overall GPA
Total hours earned
B. Letters of recommendation
Please arrange for two letters of recommendation. Preference is that at least one letter be from a Virginia Tech German instructor or professor. Letters from members of the scholarship selection committee are permitted. Please request that the letters be submitted to Dr. Esther Bauer (bauere@vt.edu).

C. Study abroad program (Internship or Research)
1. Please describe the study abroad program (or internship or research project) you will participate in during the award year. Include the name of the program, its location, its cost, the length of your stay abroad, and your anticipated plan of study (courses). Please indicate whether you already have: a) applied, and b) been accepted. If you have been accepted, please attach a copy of the acceptance to your application. Proof of acceptance does not have to be submitted by the application deadline but must be forwarded by April 30.

2. Please indicate any previous study abroad or internship experience: when, where, and what program.

D. Extracurricular activities
List any relevant extracurricular activities.

E. Essay
Please write a response, no more than one page (400-500 words), to the quotation above, that “learning a foreign language and culture is not just a joy, but is fundamental to our civilization - if we are to be civilized.”