



Center for Engaged Learning Abroad

American Pre-Veterinary Medical Association (APVMA) Scholarship for Studying Abroad in Belize

The Center for Engaged Learning Abroad - CELA-Belize, offers several field courses for pre-vet students over the winter break and during the summer for an enriching study abroad experience in English-speaking Belize. The courses carry three credit hours, transferrable to home institutions, with prior approval. This scholarship is for students who are active members in the APVMA and in their local pre-vet club or the equivalent. This information is also available from the APVMA, <http://apvma.org/current-sponsors.html>

Our two-week courses are:

- Large Animal Veterinary Practices in the Tropics
- Wildlife Health, Ecology and Conservation

All courses incorporate as much practical and field experience as possible. The Large Animal Veterinary Practices course provides free animal health clinics in local villages.

Scholarship application deadlines (apply as early as possible, space in classes is limited)

- **October 1** for winter
- **March 1** for summer

Evaluation process for the scholarship:

CELA is looking for well-rounded students who have actively engaged in their communities and are clearly committed to a career working with animals. While academic achievement is important, we will evaluate all documents submitted by the students.

CELA Scholarships:

CELA Belize will sponsor scholarships for **students who are currently APVMA members and active in their pre-vet club**. The scholarships are awarded in each session, one for winter and two for summer. In the summer, one scholarship is given for a large animal student and one for a wildlife or primate student; one in each session. Each scholarship has a value of 50% of the regular cost of a single course or two courses. Students may choose among any courses offered. *Once the scholarship is awarded the student may not change classes or transfer the scholarship to another session.* Additional charges (late arrival/early departure, extra transcripts, credit from a U.S. college/university, etc.) will be charged directly to the student at their full price.

Criteria:

- Students must be currently enrolled in a college or university program
- Students must be actively involved as a member of the APVMA
- Students pay a \$30 application fee to CELA and submit an online application indicating they are applying for the APVMA scholarship. This is done through the CELA website.

- Students applying for the APVMA scholarship will submit the following documents
 - A cover letter about themselves, their career aspirations, extra-curricular activities, language abilities, hobbies
 - A current resume highlighting any past veterinary experiences
 - An unofficial transcript from the student's home college/university
 - A letter of recommendation from a professional (professor, employer) – ***this is done through the online application under recommendations***
 - All other forms can be scanned and/or emailed directly to the Academic Program Officer - Courses, Lauren Burn Margesson, lbmargesson@celabelize.com, addressed to the Center for Engaged Learning Abroad, P. O. Box 177, San Ignacio, Cayo, Belize, C. A. (note: no zip code).

Additional Costs: (Pricing is subject to change)

The following costs are not covered by the 50% program fee APVMA scholarship:

- \$30 – application fee
- Half of program fee:
 - Winter - One course approximately \$1500
 - Summer
 - One course approximately \$1400
 - Two courses approximately \$ 2500
- Airfare to Belize – varies by departure point and the season, on average about \$800 - 1200
- Personal budget for meals not covered, tourist trips within Belize, souvenirs, personal items, two weeks - \$300 – 500US and for four weeks - \$400-700US.
- Cost of international medical insurance

For additional questions, see our website, celabelize.com or contact:

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