

WELLESLEY COLLEGE
MARY ELVIRA STEVENS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP
2016–2017

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TO APPLY, SEND THE FOLLOWING BY DECEMBER 1, 2015 TO:

The Stevens Traveling Fellowship Committee
Center for Work and Service
Wellesley College
106 Central Street
Wellesley, MA 02481-8203
PHONE: 781-283-2347, FAX: 781-283-3674

1. Completed application form.
(available as a PDF and Microsoft Word file on our Web site www.wellesley.edu/cws/)
2. Personal Statement
3. Project Proposal
4. Preliminary Budget
5. List of any materials you are submitting in support of your application. Include a self-addressed envelope if you wish to have any material returned to you.
6. Three letters of reference (please use the enclosed forms).

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CENTER FOR WORK AND SERVICE

by DECEMBER 1, 2015

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Finalists are selected in February and are invited to campus
for an interview with the committee, in early April.**

APPLICATION

WELLESLEY COLLEGE MARY ELVIRA STEVENS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

Name: _____ Age: _____ Class: _____
First Middle Last

Name at Wellesley: _____

Current Address: _____
Address City, State, Zip

Telephone: home: _____ office: _____ cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Institution	Dates	Degree	Major
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Country or Area
of Interest: _____

Field of Interest: _____

Proposed Dates
of Travel: _____
Month/Year - to - Month/Year

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROPOSAL (one sentence maximum):

Stevens Traveling Fellowship Application *Use additional pages, if needed*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: (paid or volunteer, most recent first)

Nature of work	Name and Location of Organization	Dates

PUBLICATIONS:

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, SPECIAL HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS:

LANGUAGE FACILITY:

Language	Reading	Speaking	Understanding	Writing

LIST ANY PAST FOREIGN OR EXTENSIVE U.S. TRAVEL: (places, dates, brief description)

INTERESTS, HOBBIES, ACTIVITIES:

Stevens Traveling Fellowship Application

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND PROJECT PROPOSAL:

(Together must not exceed 1500 words, font size 12. You may apportion as you wish.)

Personal Statement: Please attach a personal statement that describes your current personal and career situation and the significance to you of the travel experience made possible by the Stevens Fellowship. That is, make the case for an immersion experience in new territory at this stage in your life. Discuss how you anticipate your fellowship experience will enrich your life and your community. Please address the ideals of the fellowship: 1.) “good temper and a natural generosity of view” toward that which is new and different; 2.) common sense in observing and comprehending the world(s) in which you will be studying and learning; 3.) strong desire to travel; and 4.) “deep love of beauty.”

Detailed Project Proposal: Please attach a project proposal stating the purpose or goal of your travel and outlining in some detail your study and travel plans. Include approximate dates and mode of travel, countries and areas to be visited. Describe how your proposal relates to the Stevens ideals.

Proposed Budget: Please attach a preliminary budget stating your total budgetary request and detailing expenses as carefully as possible, including taxes and insurance. Please note that the committee generally will not fund capital expenses for your proposal, e.g. cameras; we understand the need to fund necessary supplies, e.g. film. We do not fund expenses for family or companions traveling with you.

LIST ANY OTHER FUNDING FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED:

(Please notify the Stevens Committee immediately if an award is received.)

Name of Organization _____ Date of Expected Notification _____

Do you have any outstanding student loans? _____

Are your loan payments up to date? _____

REFERENCES

Please submit a total of **three letters** of reference which should directly address your proposal and the Stevens Fellowship criteria as set forth on the reference form.

List references which will be sent directly to the Stevens Traveling Fellowship Committee, Center for Work and Service, Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481-8203:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Signature

Date

LETTER OF REFERENCE

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NAME OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____
please print

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I waive my right of access to this letter of reference.

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