

# STUDENT DIPL MAT

essay competition

NAFSA: Association of International Educators and *Abroad View*, the global education magazine for students, are hosting an essay contest for your chance to become the next Student Diplomat. You are invited to submit a compelling story that articulates how your undergraduate international experience(s) has helped meet the United States' need to understand global situations and compete in the global arena. Please address one of the questions below in your essay.

## COMPETITION ENTRANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1 // SHAPING YOUR IDENTITY** How has your study abroad experience informed the way you view yourself as an American and as a global citizen?
- 2 // FOREIGN POLICY** Based on your experience overseas, how do you think study abroad promotes mutual understanding with other countries and cultures to advance U.S. foreign policy?
- 3 // COUNTERING ANTI-AMERICANISM ABROAD** How did your experiences and interactions studying abroad further cross-cultural understanding between your host country and the United States, or perhaps correct a misperception within your host country about the United States and/or Americans?

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Student Diplomat Essay Competition is open to U.S. citizens who have had an undergraduate study abroad experience, whether they are currently enrolled through an accredited college or university or have studied abroad since spring of 2004. **TERMS:** All submissions will be considered for publication by *Abroad View* and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. **The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$150 and an STA Travel voucher worth \$300.** **GUIDELINES:** Essays should be a minimum of 1000 words and no more than 1500 words. **The deadline for entries is November 14, 2008.** Earlier submissions are welcome, as they will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

All essays must include the following to be considered: Full contact name, complete contact information with e-mail address, home school, and your study abroad program along with the year you studied abroad. **E-mail your essay to [studentdiplomat@nafsa.org](mailto:studentdiplomat@nafsa.org).** If you have questions or need further information, please visit [www.nafsa.org/studentdiplomat](http://www.nafsa.org/studentdiplomat).

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