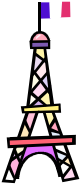


## MSC Forsyth Center Galleries Paris Cultural Trip Application



**Due: November 2, 2007 before 5:00 pm**

Dear Texas A&M University Student:

The MSC Forsyth Center Galleries are sponsoring the Paris Cultural Trip (PCT), March 7-15, 2008. The trip includes visits to major Parisian museums and other sites, a day trip to the village of Giverny, and a free day for travel and touring on your own. Group size is limited to 10 students.

This trip is open to any Texas A&M University student who will be enrolled in Spring 2008. Criteria for selection are: a demonstrated interest in the arts (40%); preference for students with limited or no previous international travel experience (30%); and an ability and willingness to serve as ambassadors for the Galleries, the Memorial Student Center and Texas A&M University while abroad (30%).

Applicants are evaluated through: a written application and personal statement; two letters of reference; and an interview.

Cost per student is \$1000.00, paid to the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries. An additional underwriting of \$300.00 is provided by the Galleries' Bill ('35) and Irma Runyon Endowment. Payment and underwriting covers airfare, housing (multiple students per room), ground transportation (airport shuttle, train, and subway), and most admission fees, plus Galleries' professional staff member as a guide. Students will also need approximately \$200 (credit cards, local currency, traveler's checks) for meals, travel on their own, and other expenses. (This does not include additional expenses for non-essentials such as souvenirs).

In addition to the subsidy provided through the Runyon Fund, students may also apply for financial assistance and/or scholarships through the J. Wayne Stark Fund, the L. T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness, or other university sources.

Other requirements for travel are: a current, valid passport; documented health insurance; completing and signing the MSC PCT travel contract; completed Memorial Student Center Release Form; active participation in pre-trip orientation and educational meetings; assisting in PCT planning and training to serve as a "tour guide" for a designated venue or part of the trip.

The group will be based in Paris, with a day trip to Versailles. Museums to be visited in Paris include the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, and the Centre Pompidou. The group will also visit famous tourist sites in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame Cathedral. A complete PCT itinerary will be provided before departure.

For more information or to apply, please contact staff representative Estela Feagin at [estela@msc.tamu.edu](mailto:estela@msc.tamu.edu) or 979-845-9251. Completed applications are to be turned into the MSC Forsyth Center Galleries security desk (open 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, M – F; 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm, Sa/Su). Applications and letters of reference are due no later than 5:00 pm, November 2, 2007. Late applications will not be accepted.

It is the policy of the Texas A&M University that each person shall be considered solely on the basis of qualifications, without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disabilities, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Please be aware that other countries may have differing laws and regulations regarding handicap and other access, and that Texas A&M University can therefore not guarantee accessibility in those countries.

Please fill out this application carefully. Participants are selected through a competitive process and the contents of the application are part of this process. All information is confidential, and will be viewed only by the application committee.

Name (as on passport, and/or full name): \_\_\_\_\_

Local address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current overall GPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification as of Spring 2008: \_\_\_\_\_ Planned graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Experiences (40%)

Please list your experiences and activities in the arts (visual arts, music, drama, other) here at Texas A&M University, while in high school, or elsewhere. For example, did you participate in high school band or drama? List length of time you were member of arts group(s), any leadership positions, and other arts experiences. Attach additional pages if needed.

Previous International Travel Experience (30%)

Preference is give to students with no or limited previous international travel experience. Please note: students with international travel experience will still be considered for the trip! Please list any previous travel international experience, approximate dates of travel, countries visited.

Representing Texas A&M University (30%)

Your ability to represent Texas A&M University well while abroad will primarily be evaluated through letters of reference and the personal interview. Please submit (typed, one page or less) what your goals are in applying for the Paris Cultural Trip. What benefits do you expect to receive at the personal level, as a student, and as an art "ambassador" from the Texas A&M University?

References

Please list two persons below who will be writing letters or emails of reference for you. These letters may be from faculty, staff, or others; letters of reference from students or family members are not accepted. The letters should focus on how the referee rates your abilities to contribute as a student traveler to PCT and to serve as a positive representative of Texas A&M University.

References are due no later than November 2, 2007 and may be submitted in a sealed envelope to the MSC Security Desk, mailed to Attn: Estela Feagin, 1237 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843, or submitted by email: [estela@msc.tamu.edu](mailto:estela@msc.tamu.edu).

Reference #1, Name, Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2, Name, Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

All completed applications will be reviewed. The top applicants will be asked to interview during the week of November 5-9, 2007, with final selection of participants completed no later than November 16, 2007.

Please submit this application no later than 5pm Friday, November 2, 2007. **Late applications and references will not be accepted.**  
**Thank you!**