

**SPELMAN APPLICATION**  
**Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (DR)**  
**SUMMER STUDY ABROAD**  
**May 14 -June 11, 2023**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SCID# \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_ Box/Apt# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_ Spelman \_\_\_ CAU

**PARENT/ GUARDIAN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT (if different from above)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**College-level Spanish courses taken (including any courses in which you are currently enrolled):**

Spanish 201 Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish 202 Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  Fall 20 \_\_\_  Spr 20 \_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**DIETARY CONSTRAINTS**

Do you have any dietary constraints? If yes, please explain.

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**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** Answer all questions. Indicating your special needs helps us make appropriate arrangements to serve you better, but it does not affect your eligibility for admission. If you answer "yes" to any question, please explain (use an additional page if needed).

- 1. Do you take any medications? 1.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Do you have any allergies? 2.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Do you have any physical or learning disabilities? 3.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you have any illness or physical constraints that we should know of? 4.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Are you currently being treated professionally for any medical or psychological condition? 5.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Are you currently under medical treatment for any reason? 6.  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any other information that the program directors should be made aware of, information that might in any way impact your experience and your participation in the Dominican Republic program? This information will not affect program eligibility and will be confidential. Please comment below.

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**Housing Preference in the DR.** Do you have any special requests or concerns? Is there any information you would like us to share with your host family? While we take requests into consideration in assigning students, we cannot guarantee that a particular request will be satisfied.

**Course Preference in the DR:** Indicate your preference for Spanish classes in Santo Domingo, based on Spelman classes. You may list up to two classes. (Note: Advanced courses contingent upon placement exam. Final exams given at end of Program will determine final grade and credits earned.)

**Recommendation Form** Give the enclosed form to your Spanish professor for a letter of recommendation about your character and an assessment of your academic standing. Ask the professor to forward this letter directly to:

Dr. Fernando Esquivel

Name of Spanish Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # or email address \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for recommendation letter: February 17

## RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

Note to the professor: The above student has applied to study in the Summer Study in the DR Program. This Program involves a month of intensive study of Spanish and adherence to an oath to speak only in Spanish during that month. Classes and activities are scheduled throughout the day and on weekends. Students will live with a Dominican family throughout the Program. Please write your assessment of the student's ability to live and study in such a situation.

RETURN TO:        Dr. Fernando Esquivel Suarez  
                      Cosby 310  
                      Spelman College  
                      Atlanta, GA 30314

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
   In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give your opinion on his or her personal and academic qualifications for study in a study abroad program and his or her ability to adjust to new living situations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY: Attach a computer-written, two-part essay in English.

In **part one** (no more than one page) write about your personal interest in studying abroad: Why do you wish to study in the DR? What experiences abroad have you had before? What do you expect to gain? What concerns do you have?

For **part two** (again, no more than one page) you will first have to do some investigation on the culture of the DR and then write about a particular aspect—historical, sociological, cultural, architectural, etc.—that you wish to discover more about. What do you find interesting in this area and why?

### **Interviews, Orientation Classes & Documents**

All students applying to the DR Summer Study Program will be interviewed and are required to take training and orientation classes. Your final acceptance in the program is contingent upon your completing all orientation prior to departure

All students must hold a passport to travel outside the U.S. **This passport must be valid for 6 months beyond the date of travel.** If you do not have a passport, **APPLY NOW!** The process can be slow, and you cannot travel to the DR without it.

Print & bring your unofficial college transcript to: Dr. Fernando Esquivel, Cosby 310, Spelman College

## Summer Study in Dominican Republic Program Checklist-2023

(Submit this page with your application and a receipt for your \$500 deposit no later than February 17)

- All information completed on the application form  
 Recommendation form given (w/addressed, stamped envelope) to:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Completed essay enclosed  
 College transcript (print unofficial copy)  
 Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of passport attached)  
 Initials indicating you have read and understood the section on Scholarships

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Spelman College.**

Submit all payments to the Spelman College Cashier's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Packard Hall.  
Make sure to indicate to the cashier to deposit into this account: 6-1102-44507-446057.  
Please bring a copy of your receipts by the date due to:

Dr. Fernando Esquivel Suarez  
Cosby 310 (ext. 6046)  
Spelman College

- Receipt for deposit of \$ 500 (due w/ application by Feb 17) Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt for second payment of \$ 2,000 (due March 13) Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt for final payment of \$2,000 (due April 10) Date \_\_\_\_\_

(airfare is not included in the program cost, but program directors will facilitate travel arrangements so that all students fly on the same flight)

### Initial below for scholarship & other information – important!

Prior to departure, students will enroll in a four-hour Study-Travel Seminar (STS 100); a required pass/fail, one-credit course. Enrollment in this course will be at no cost to students. The Seminar will be jointly taught the Director of Cultural Orientation, who will address components of our QEP and the DR program directors, who will provide site-specific information.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial here to indicate you understand that you must enroll in STS 100

The principle source of scholarship funding is the Gordon-Zeto & Gates Scholarship Fund. These competitive Spelman scholarships, based on need and merit, are awarded in the spring, usually after the deadline for the second program payment. The application form will be available in the World Languages & Literature Department early in the spring semester, and it is up to you to apply on time through the online process.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initial here to indicate you understand that you must apply separately for a Gordon-Zeto & Gates Scholarship.

Do you receive a Pell Grant?  yes  no

If yes, you should apply for a Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship. The web site is [www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman). (check deadline)