How to apply for a Maya Spring Break Travel Award for 2010

The Maya Spring Break Travel Award is provided by Brian Calhoun, a 1998 graduate of Pitt-Bradford, who enjoyed the Mesoamerican Archaeology course while a student. He now lives and works in Philadelphia, but regularly visits the Maya area, owning a home in Cozumel, Mexico. The scholarship will cover the Maya Exploration Center fee. This year it is $1200. It does not cover airfare.

To apply for the travel award/scholarship, email (or snail mail) a letter to Professor Champlin (igc@pitt.edu) in which you demonstrate

1) superior academic achievement. Have the Registrar send in your GPA.
2) financial need. Show that you are already a UPB work-study student, or that you are on financial aid, etc.
3) interests beyond academics, especially in volunteer projects, and student clubs and leadership experiences.
4) how this study of archaeological sites, modern cultures and different environments will enhance your academic program.

The travel award / scholarship is competitive. Professor Champlin will read the application letters and pass along the top contenders to Brian. If you win this award, you will have a chance to personally thank your benefactor, because Brian is an active participant on all the Spring Break trips, since they began in 2004.

You can find more information about Brian Calhoun, and about all the prior award winners on the Archaeology Minor website at http://www.upb.pitt.edu/rightFeature.aspx?menu_id=26&id=6193