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**Global Outreach Scholarship (in the form of a 25% tuition waiver)**

The Office of International Studies and Programs (OISP) at Illinois State University offers a merit-based Global Outreach scholarship for new degree-seeking international students.

- A. The OISP Global Outreach Scholarship provides a partial tuition-only waiver. The scholarship is valued at approximately twenty-five percent (25%) tuition waiver per semester of the most current international tuition for undergraduate or graduate students.
- B. The scholarship is awarded for the following:
  - a. Up to eight (8) consecutive semesters of undergraduate study; or
  - b. Up to four (4) consecutive semesters of graduate study (master's level);
  - c. The scholarship cannot be used for summer semesters.
- C. The scholarship is renewable each semester. To continue receiving the award, recipients must:
  - a. Remain in good academic and disciplinary standing at all times;
  - b. Participate in a minimum of five (5) intercultural programs on campus or the surrounding community per semester.
  - c. Recipients must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 in an undergraduate degree program or 3.5 in a graduate degree program at Illinois State University;
  - d. Students may be granted one additional semester to bring up their grades if they fail to maintain the GPA requirements listed above;

Recipients who are unable to meet the requirements will lose the award and will be ineligible to re-apply.

- D. The Global Outreach Scholarship is a partial waiver of the international tuition. Recipients will still need additional funding to cover the part of the tuition not covered by the scholarship, as well as all other non-tuition expenses such as international travel, general fees, housing, board, meals, medical insurance and personal expenses. In addition, recipients are expected to abide by all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.

## **Eligibility**

The OISP Global Outreach Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to applicants who are:

1. Citizens or permanent residents of countries other than the United States; or
2. Dual citizens (i.e., U.S. and another country) who meet at least three of the following criteria:
  - a. Hold a diploma from an accredited foreign high school; or
  - b. Hold an undergraduate diploma from an accredited foreign university;
  - c. Have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 or above; and
  - d. Have lived outside the USA at least 12 months prior to the submission of the scholarship application.

## **Other Eligibility Requirements**

1. Applicants must apply and be admitted to an undergraduate or graduate degree program at Illinois State University;
2. Applicants must submit financial documents proving the ability to pay the tuition portion not covered under this scholarship, as well as non-tuition related expenses, as outlined on item D above;
3. Students who have already begun study at Illinois State University are not eligible;
4. This tuition waiver can only be used to cover tuition charges and cannot be used by individuals holding a graduate assistantship.

## **Application Procedures**

Applicants must provide the following information, in English, in the sequence outlined below:

1. Complete the Global Outreach Scholarship Application –available online at:  
<https://internationalstudies.illinoisstate.edu/students-scholars/get-started/financial-assistance/>
2. Upload a 250-word essay in which the applicant describes his or her leadership activities (e.g., school or community) and explains how he or she will use the opportunity of study at Illinois State University to promote understanding and respect among people of the United States and his/her country;
3. Upload two letters of recommendation. A teacher who has taught the applicant in secondary or post-secondary classes must write one of the letters. Said letter must address the academic ability of the applicant. If absolutely necessary, the letters of reference may be written in a language other than English;

## **Application Deadline**

Complete application packages, following the procedures outlined above, must be submitted no later than April 1 for fall enrollment or October 1 for spring enrollment. Incomplete applications will not be considered and it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is complete.

### **Selection Process and Criteria**

A committee composed of OISP administrators will review applications for the OISP Global Outreach Scholarship. The committee will select the applicants who most successfully demonstrate:

1. Strong academic background and potential as illustrated by previous academic records;
2. Acceptance to a degree program at Illinois State University;
3. Comments provided in the reference letters;
4. Strong leadership abilities as indicated in comments provided by references and in the personal essay;
5. Effective communication skills as evident in the essay;
6. Active and creative interest in promoting intercultural understanding as evident in the essay.

### **Notification**

Applicants will learn the decision of the selection committee on or before April 15 (Fall) or October 15 (Spring).