



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

### GUIDELINES

Columbus State University and the Center for International Education are pleased to offer the International Student Scholarship, ISSS, to qualified undergraduate and graduate students attending on an F1 Visa. The International Student Service Scholarship provides in state tuition rates to a limited number of international students who have been accepted to CSU, or are presently attending CSU. The tuition reduction is approximately \$5,000 per semester.

The ISSS is a service based-scholarship that will be awarded to students based on financial need, extracurricular activities, academic ability, commitment to international service at CSU. Diversity of majors will also be taken into consideration during the selection process. Students who have not already been awarded a degree will be considered before those with degrees already awarded. Students not receiving other aid will also be considered first. Scholarships will be awarded as four-year scholarships subject to annual renewal (only available to incoming freshman), or one-year scholarships (students can reapply each year) available to all international students who meet eligibility requirements.

1. Application requirements:
  - a. You must be accepted to a degree program at CSU to apply (your application will not be considered unless you have met all admissions requirements and have been formally accepted to CSU). An exception is made for incoming freshman who are waiting on test scores or university transcripts to be accepted.
  - b. If you are already attending CSU, or were attending another university before transferring to CSU you must have a minimum of a 3.0 overall or transfer grade point average. Incoming high school students should have a high school grade point average of 3.0.
  - c. You must carry a full academic course load of at least 12 semester hours for undergraduate and 9 hours for graduate (unless you are in your final semester).
  - d. You must obey all immigration regulations, university policy, state and local laws.
  - e. You must be available for an in person or computer interview if requested.

## 2. Service Requirements

- a. You will be required to fulfill 25 hours of international service per semester. Half of these hours should be achieved by midterm.
- b. If awarded a scholarship you will receive training at the start of the semester on approved activities to fulfill service hour requirements. You will also have the opportunity to suggest new programs/activities that will add to the internationalization of the campus and the community.

**Students who fail to maintain all academic and service requirements will have their International Student Service Scholarship revoked and will be ineligible to apply again for the remainder of their studies at CSU.**

All documents must be received in the Center for International Education by the application deadline indicated on the ISSS web site:

<http://international.columbusstate.edu/scholarships.php>

**INCOMPLETE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED – RECOMMENDATION FORMS/LETTERS ARE THE ONLY ITEMS THAT MAY BE SENT SEPARATELY FROM THE PROVIDER.**

Documents must be in English. If you are a current Columbus State University student you should bring a completed packet by to the Center for International Education. If you are a transfer student please mail a complete packet to the address indicated. E-mailed applications will only be accepted from applicants who are not currently in the United States but should be sent as a complete file.

Once the scholarship committee has met and applicants have been chosen you will be notified by mail or e-mail.