**Stephenson F. Austin State University**

**OIP/SFA International Scholarship Guidelines**

**Application Deadlines:**

All scholarships are awarded on a first come/first served basis. Decisions are generally announced two weeks after your complete application is submitted.

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<th>Fall Awards:</th>
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<td>Apply anytime between: April 1st – August 1st</td>
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**Criteria for consideration of scholarship award (satisfy at least two of the following):**

1. Student whose native language is other than English
2. Student who has lived in a country other than the United States for a period of 5 years or more
3. Student who has foreign or dual citizenship: recognized by a foreign country, but not by the US

**Additional requirements:**

- **All Students** are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) score for consideration.
  - Undergraduate Students = 2.75 GPA
  - Graduate Students = 3.25 GPA
    - New students - Verified through your SFA admissions application.
    - Current SFA students – This will be verified by OIP staff through your most recent transcript in MySFA.

- **Current SFA students ONLY:** Attach an original typed essay (100 words minimum): describing the international/cultural activities participated in during the past semester/year. **See IMPORTANT!** note below.

The OIP/SFA International Scholarship is to be awarded to any student that will contribute to the increased diversity for international representation at Stephen F. Austin State University. Evaluation and awarding of this scholarship will be determined by the Office of International Programs. Preference will be given to degree seeking and full time students. In general, students cannot hold graduate assistantships and OIP Scholarship awards simultaneously.

The amount of the scholarship is $1,000.00 per year. All students that are awarded the scholarship will have funds applied after registering for classes.

**Students who are awarded the OIP Scholarship will be eligible for Texas resident tuition rates.**

**YOU MUST RE-APPLY EACH YEAR – THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS ONLY FOR ONE YEAR!**

**IMPORTANT!** Scholarship recipients must contribute to cultural diversity at SFA. Each student decides how to fulfill this requirement during the scholarship year (this must be more than just attending events and is not limited to OIP-sponsored events). If a student re-applies for the scholarship, he or she must give adequate proof in the essay about how they fulfilled this requirement (e.g., through a form signed by activity sponsor, a photograph, a description in the scholarship application essay, or other documentation).

Below are examples of potential activities. Students are responsible for documenting their own participation.

| Hosting a Global Gateway presentation | Attending a Global Gateway presentation |
| Participating in the International Friendship Program | Participating in an International Education Week event |
| Organizing a booth for OIP’s Orientation Week Event | Assisting with New Student Orientation |
| Organizing an International Education Week Event | Assisting with IAH Shuttle pick-ups |

Failure to show adequate proof of participation in international/cultural diversity will result in automatic disqualification for one semester following the award year.

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