

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY OIP/SFA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30 EACH YEAR
AWARD DECISIONS ANNOUNCED: AFTER MAY 1 EACH YEAR

ALL OIP SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BEGIN IN THE FALL SEMESTER ONLY AND ARE AWARDED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS

Students applying for spring/summer admission may in *exceptional circumstances* be granted an OIP scholarship, but it will not be effective until the first Fall semester after enrollment (before Fall semester, student will pay non-resident tuition rates unless they have another scholarship/condition that allows them to pay resident rates).

New students will not be awarded a scholarship until they have gained admission to SFA.

Current students not meeting the GPA requirement at time of application will be put in for 'second-round reviews' on June 1, if funding is still available. Second-round applications must meet the GPA requirement at time of review.

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 and enables recipients to pay Texas resident tuition rates.

Students must re-apply and maintain eligibility each year!

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 – 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](#)

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

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

Hosting a Cultural Experience presentation Participating in the International Friendship Program Organizing a booth for OIP's Orientation Week Event
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Attending a Cultural Experience presentation Organizing an International Education Week Event Assisting with New Student Orientation
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Failure to show adequate proof of participation as noted above will result in disqualification for an award in the subsequent year.