

Columbus State University
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Columbus State University and the Center for International Education are pleased to offer the International Student Service Scholarship to qualified undergraduate and graduate international students on an F-1 visa. The International Student Service Scholarship is an out-of-state tuition waiver available to a limited number of international students who have been accepted to CSU, or are presently attending CSU. This scholarship waives the cost of out-of-state tuition. Presently, the approximate cost of attending CSU at the out-of-state tuition rate is \$6,500 per semester. The scholarship would reduce this to the in-state cost of approximately \$1,880 per semester. Students who receive the scholarship are still required to pay in-state tuition and fees.

The ISSS is a service-based scholarship that will be awarded to students based on evidence of extracurricular involvement, academic ability, commitment to international service at CSU, and financial need. Diversity of majors will also be taken into consideration during the selection process. 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.

Application Requirements:

- ✓ **You must be accepted to a degree program at CSU to apply** *(your application will not be considered unless you have met all admissions requirement 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. You are given until May 1, 2009 to submit all documentation and be fully accepted to CSU. If you are chosen for an award, but are not fully accepted by this date, then your ISSS will go to the next person in line.*
- ✓ If you are already attending CSU, or were attending another university before transferring to CSU, you must have a **minimum of a 3.0 grade point average**
- ✓ Carry a full academic course load of at least 12 semester hours for undergraduates and 9 semester hours for graduate students
- ✓ Obey all immigration regulations, university policy, state and local laws

Service Requirements:

- ✓ You will be required to fulfill 20 hours of international service per semester
- ✓ You can choose from the activities/programs listed below to fulfill your international service requirements. You will also have the opportunity to suggest new programs/activities that will add to the internationalization of the CSU campus.

International Service Programs/Activities

World at Reach Program – International students give presentations/talks about their home countries and cultures in classes at CSU or in the Columbus community.

One Cougar World Association – International and American students come together to plan events that are both social and educational in nature and oversee organizational meetings aimed at bringing other American and international students together.

International Education Week (during the fall semester) – During this week international students will help coordinate and implement a number of events and activities to help celebrate and highlight the importance of international education.

Global Dialogues – The Global Dialogues Forum is a series of roundtable discussions between international and American students about current and relevant world topics. International students act as table moderators and direct the conversation.

Other international and cultural activities at CSU that foster the internationalization of the campus.

***** 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.**

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 13, 2009

The ISSS application, personal statement, letters of recommendation and copy of academic record/transcript (if transferring from another university or already attending CSU) must be received at the Center for International Education by March 13. **The application and all supporting documents must be in English. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered! Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. All scholarship applicants will receive an acceptance or denial letter by the end of April.**

Please Note: There are many international students who apply for the International Student Service Scholarship each year. The CIE can only give out a limited number of scholarships, so it is very important not to anticipate the scholarship money when figuring your finances or filling out financial information.

Send application and all supporting materials to:

Center for International Education
International Student Service Scholarship
4225 University Avenue
Columbus, GA 31907

ISSS Application Checklist

- Complete all five parts of ISSS application form
- Include two letters of recommendation attached to the Recommendation Forms
- A personal statement that is between 300-500 words, typed and double-spaced
- Copy of transcript (if already attending CSU or transferring from another university)
- Make sure application and supporting documents are received at the Center for International Education by March 13, 2009