



# International Student Scholarship Application

## Valdosta State University

### Center for International Programs

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### What is the International Student Scholarship?

It waives the out-of-state tuition fees. The awardee will be paying the in-state tuition rate.

### How to Apply (Read Carefully!)

1. **Fill out all Part I of the attached form** (you can type in your responses), then print and sign the application.
2. **Fill out Part II of the attached**, listing any and all of the following:
  - a. All of the extra-curricular activities that the student has participated in, and the number of years you have participated in each activity.
    - i. Examples of extra-curricular activities, but not limited to: student clubs, student government, volunteer work.
    - ii. For individuals being recruited to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Valdosta State, participation in high school, collegiate and/or club sports will not be considered in any way as part of the application for the scholarship.
  - b. All awards or honors you have received and when you received them.
    - i. Examples of awards and honors, but not limited to. Academic Honors, Academic-Based Awards, Special Recognition Awards, Academic Societies.
  - c. All leadership positions held and the period they were held.
3. **Part III A of the application**, please type a 300-word personal statement. The student should describe their educational experiences, their personal and professional goals, why they need the scholarship (financial need). Essays under 300 words will not be considered for the scholarship.
4. **Part IV B of the application:** Obtain at least one recommendation letter from an official at your current/past high school, college or university that can at least attest to your academic performance. The best recommendation letters will come from a professor or advisor that has worked with you closely, and can speak about more than just your academic performance.
5. **Include copies of your transcripts and test scores(if applicable).** If you have already submitted copies of your official transcripts and test scores to VSU Admissions (for undergraduates), please let us know as we can obtain copies of your transcripts from their office.
  - a. Minimum GPA to be considered for the scholarship is a 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale.
  - b. Copies of test scores (TOEFL or SAT) are only required if the applicant has taken these exams.
6. **Send a complete application packet** (application form, transcripts, personal essay and recommendation letter) to the address above to the attention of International Student Services. No incomplete application packets will be considered for the scholarship.

### Requirements for Maintaining the Scholarship

1. Maintain at least a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the duration of your studies at Valdosta State University.
2. Be enrolled in a full course load each semester (12 credits for undergraduates).

***Exception to this rule:** For F-1 visa holders, students must seek approval from the International Student Advisors before withdrawing in any class that will result in less than a full course load for the rest of the semester.*
3. Maintain appropriate immigration status at all times, and follow all immigration regulations, university policies, as well as any federal, state and local laws.
4. Be an active participant in the following mandatory community engagement activities:
  - Annual International Dinner
  - International Education Week
  - VSU Homecoming

*\* If the student cannot participate in one or more of the mandatory community engagement activities listed above, they must consult with the International Student Advisors regarding an approved alternative service activity, for each mandatory service activity they cannot participate in.*
5. Donate a souvenir item annually from their home country, or something representing their culture for the International Dinner's silent auction. All proceeds from the silent auction are used to fund the activities for the Society of International Students, a registered student organization that aims to share culture and diversity to the VSU and Valdosta community.

### Application Deadlines:

**Summer/Fall semester :** March 15

**Spring semester:** October 1



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### PART I - STUDENT INFORMATION

Name

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Family/Last/Surname

First/Given

Middle

Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail

Phone

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Date of Birth

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Month/Day/Year

Major

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I'm applying as a  Freshman  Transfer  Returning/Continuing student.

If applying as a continuing student, when did you start your studies at VSU?

I started in  Fall  Spring  Summer Year \_\_\_\_\_

If applying as a new/returning student, when do you plan on starting your studies at VSU?

I want to begin my studies at VSU in  Spring  Summer  Fall Year \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

See the instruction sheet for detailed information and tips on filling out this section.

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### PART III: ESSAY

**A. Personal Statement:** Each applicant must provide a three hundred word personal statement. In this essay, you should describe your educational experiences and personal and professional goals. You must include information about your financial need. Please remember that the scholarship committee will use this essay as the primary criteria for awarding scholarships. This statement must be at least 300 words long. If you do not complete a statement or if your statement is too short, your application will be disqualified. Please type your essay on your own paper.

**B. Letters of recommendation:** Each applicant must provide at least one letter of recommendation from an official at your high school, college, or university that can attest to your academic performance.

### PART IV : APPLICANT'S ATTESTATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do attest that I have read the information and accept the guidelines for the International Student Scholarship. Further, all of the information provided by me is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. If awarded the scholarship, I agree to abide by all of the stated rules and regulations.

Signature

Name

Date Signed