

International Student Services (ISSO) New Student Scholarship

The ISSO will award one (1) \$1000 competitive scholarship to a new first semester international student at Texas A&M University- Commerce this spring semester. Students concluding Optional Practical Training employment and enrolling in a new degree program will be eligible for the scholarship.

Students matriculating to begin a new degree, continuing with a second degree at the same education level immediately after completion of first degree, or applying for a change of visa status will not be eligible.

ISSO Scholarship Award

Spring recipients of the scholarship will be awarded the full \$1000 for the spring semesters and the student will be eligible for the in-state tuition waiver the spring semester and summer semester if they chose to enroll summer. Only one (1) scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester and the scholarship is not renewable the next academic year. Scholarship award recipient will be announced during international student orientation and the recipient must be present or the award will be forfeited.

Eligibility

- Must be an F-1 visa international student and have not applied for permanent residency or had an H1-B visa petition filed on their behalf.
- Must complete an early check-in session with an international advisor during available times as stated on the *New International Student Checklist*.
- Must attend **all** morning sessions at international orientation and be present to accept award or award will be forfeited.
- Must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) semester credit hours as an undergraduate student or nine (9) semester credit hours as a graduate student. There are no special requirements for students enrolling in the summer.
- Must maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university
- Must be in good financial standing with the university

Application Process

Student must complete an early check-in session with an international advisor in the ISSO, McDowell Administration Building BA350, during available times as stated in *New International Student Checklist*. **Applications will only be provided during the early check-in session and all applications must be returned to the ISSO in BA350 no later than 12pm noon (CST) on the final day of early check-in (the day before international student orientation) as stated on the *New International Student Checklist*. Any applications received after 12pm noon (CST) on the final day of early check-in will not be considered.**

Selection Process

Selection of scholarship recipient will be based on answers to questions and essay questions in application. Preference will be given to students who provide well thought out, meaningful, and original responses, correct English grammar, and legible handwriting. It is recommended that students type their essay response on a separate sheet of paper. Scholarship award recipient will be announced during international student orientation and the recipient must be present or the award will be forfeited.