



Outstanding International Student Scholarship

This scholarship, established by a generous pledge from a private donor from China, recognizes select international students for their outstanding academic achievement and service to the UWest campus and the Fo Guang Shan community. The scholarship is awarded to **up to three qualified students per year** who embody dedication of service to the community and exemplify through their actions one or more of the values of the university: character, compassion, and community.

Award amount: \$5,000/year per successful applicant with \$2,500 disbursed for each fall and spring semester

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an international student holding or in the process of applying for a valid F-1 visa;
- Must be admitted to and enrolled in a degree-seeking program at UWest;
- Must maintain full-time enrollment defined as registering for, and successfully completing, a minimum of 12 units each semester for undergraduates and 9 units each semester for graduate students. Exceptions to the full-time enrollment rule may be made through a petition process for 1) students who are in their final semester, and 2) doctoral students who have completed all course requirements (minimum 3 units/semester required);
- Must be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA for undergraduate students or 3.5 GPA for graduate students. Students who fail to meet the minimum GPA requirement become ineligible for the scholarship in the subsequent semester;
- Must have proven record of involvement in on-and/or off-campus community services;
- Must complete 50 hours of community service at Hsi Lai Temple each semester while receiving the scholarship.
- Must show commitment to ethical standards and values including character, compassion, and community.

How to Apply:

- Submit an Outstanding International Student Scholarship Application to the UWest Financial Aid Office by the application deadline;
- Include a 2-3-page letter of application describing the program of study, personal and educational journey, community service experience, and academic achievement,



focusing on the applicant's services to the community and their impact on and off campus;

- Two letters of recommendation, including one academic reference and one from a community service supervisor;
- Hsi Lai Temple Service Hour Time Card (required if re-applying)
- Only complete applications providing all the requested information and documentation will be considered.

Application Deadline:

- **June 1**

Please submit your application and supporting documents by emailing financialaid@uwest.edu or in person to the UWest Financial Aid Office on or prior to the deadline.

Other Important Terms and Conditions:

- The scholarship is non-transferable to other students or institutions.
- The scholarship cannot be deferred.
- Recipients may become disqualified after the scholarship is disbursed if their enrollment drops below full-time during the term of the award, in which case students must return the scholarship funds received. (*Note: Exception to this policy due to extenuating reasons may be made on a case by case basis. Students applying for this exception must present relevant documentation.*)
- Should the scholarship be returned, UWest may award it to another selected student.
- Recipients of the award agree to release to UWest the right to use their images for publication in any format chosen by the university (i.e. print, video, digital image).

The scholarship donor reserves the right to make changes to these policies and procedures at any time.



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Application Form

Academic Year: _____

Please type or print neatly using black ink. Illegible applications will not be processed.
Please return this form and all supporting documents to the Financial Aid Office.

Name _____
Last (Family Name) First Middle

Mailing Address _____
Street

City State Zip

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____
Area Code

Program: Undergraduate Graduate Post-Graduate/Doctoral

Major/Area of concentration: _____

Anticipated Enrollment:

Undergraduate:

12+ units- Full Time 9-11 Units- $\frac{3}{4}$ Time 6-7 Units- $\frac{1}{2}$ Time <4 Units- < than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time

Graduate/Post-Graduate:

12+ units- Full Time 9-11 Units- $\frac{3}{4}$ Time 6-7 Units- $\frac{1}{2}$ Time <4 Units- < than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time

Expected date of graduation from University of the West:

Summer Fall Spring Year _____

Please provide the following with your application:

1. A 2-3-page letter of application describing the program of study, personal and educational journey, community service experience, and academic achievement, focusing on the applicant's services to the community and their impact on and off campus
2. A copy of most recent transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation, including one academic reference and one from a community service supervisor
4. Hsi Lai Temple Service Hour Time Card (required if re-applying)



Please complete the financial need analysis:

Please calculate the expected support for your educational expenses in US dollars:

Family/Relatives: \$ _____/yr
Private Sponsor/Scholarship: \$ _____/yr Explain: _____
Your / Family's Income: \$ _____/yr
Your Savings: \$ _____/yr

Certification and Authorization Release

I certify that all information I have provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the release by University of the West of all information contained on my Scholarship Application, including essay, transcript, letters of recommendation to the benefactor, in order to co-consider me as a scholarship recipient.

Student's Signature (required): _____ Date: _____



Outstanding International Student Scholarship Service Hour Time Card

- Each scholarship recipient must complete **50** service hours at **Hsi Lai Temple** each semester;
- The following information must be filled out and signed by a supervisor at the Hsi Lai Temple;
- Submit the signed Time Card at the end of each semester to the UWest Financial Aid Office.

Student's Name _____ Student ID# _____ Semester _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Temple Department/Office _____

Date	Nature of Service	Start Time	End Time	Number of Hours
Total				

Comment:

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____