





## Important Information: International Competitive Scholarship-New Students

The purpose of the International Competitive Scholarship program is to offer scholarships to academically qualified international undergraduate and graduate students who might not otherwise be able to attend New Mexico State University. This program supports New Mexico State University's mission of internationalization through encouraging cultural diversity on its campus that in turn promotes international awareness and interactions in the campus community.

A limited number of scholarships are available to international students. An international student awarded this scholarship will be allowed to pay tuition at the in-state rate and receive a \$100 award that will be applied to his/her student account for each semester the award is received. **Note:** The International Competitive Scholarship does not offer any money or funds directly; the scholarship allows for a **discount on tuition**, so a student who receives the scholarship will be **approved to pay in-state tuition rates** instead of out of state tuition rates. See current NMSU tuition rates at <https://uar.nmsu.edu/tuition-fees/tuition-fees/>.

The scholarship award cannot be automatically deferred to a later semester. **The International Competitive Scholarship will only be awarded for the allowable number of semesters (see rules below).** International Student and Scholar Services will notify all students after scholarship selections have been made.

**Please note** that NMSU graduate students who receive graduate assistantships of 10 hours or more also pay tuition at the in-state, resident rate. Therefore, if you receive a graduate assistantship, you are *not eligible* to receive the International Competitive Scholarship as it is a duplication of this benefit. Students who completed high school from a school in New Mexico also receive in state tuition and are therefore not eligible for this scholarship either.

### UNDERGRADUATES:

### ELIGIBILITY:

**A.** To be eligible for a scholarship, a student as a freshman must:

- (1) Have a U.S. equivalent of a high school diploma from an accredited high school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher, as determined by the International Admissions Office, and a TOEFL of 520/68; IELTS 6.5 **or**
- (2) Have a U.S. equivalent of a high school diploma from an accredited high school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher, as determined by the International Admissions Office, and a TOEFL of 550/79; IELTS 6.5; **or**
- (3) Have a U.S. high school diploma from an accredited high school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher with an ACT score of 26; SAT score of 1240, **or**
- (4) Have a U.S. high school diploma from an accredited high school and have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher with an ACT score of 23; SAT score of 1140. **or**
- (5) If from a country where the TOEFL or IELTS is waived, must have 3.50 GPA or higher and diploma from a U.S. high accredited high school.

**B.** To be eligible for a scholarship, an undergraduate transfer student must:

- (1) Have a transfer cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher from an accredited institution.

**C.** For undergraduate recipients, scholarship eligibility may be renewed for a maximum of eight (8) consecutive semesters or graduation, whichever comes first.

For undergraduate transfer students, eligibility depends on total number of semesters attended at all previous institutions, for a maximum of eight (8) semesters, or graduation, whichever comes first. For example if you have completed two years at another institution and you will now be a new junior at NMSU, you will receive the International Competitive Scholarship for 4 semesters.

An undergraduate student must successfully complete fifteen (15) graded credit hours and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 or higher each semester.



## **Important Information Continued: International Competitive Scholarship-New Students**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

#### **GRADUATE STUDENTS:**

**A.** To be eligible for a scholarship, a graduate student must:

- (1)** Have a U.S. equivalent of a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited institution and a cumulative GPA of 3.25 ; **or**
- (2)** Have a minimum of 6, up to a maximum of 15, graduate credit hours and have a graduate cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher, as determined by the International Programs Office;
- (3)** And a TOEFL of 550/79 OR 6.5 IELTS, if this score is required for admission to your graduate program.
- (4)** Students from TOEFL or IELTS exempted countries need to have a a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

**B.** For graduate recipients, scholarship eligibility may be renewed for a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters (Master's) or eight (8) for PhD candidates, or graduation, whichever comes first.

For graduate transfer students, eligibility depends on total number of semesters attended at all previous institutions, for a maximum of four (4) semesters, or graduation, whichever comes first.

**C.** For graduate transfer students, eligibility depends on total number of semesters attended at all previous institutions, for a maximum of four (4) semesters (Masters), (8 for PhD) or graduation, whichever comes first. For example, if you are a masters student and you have completed one year at another institution, you will receive the International Competitive Scholarship for two semesters.

A graduate student must successfully complete newly nine (9) graded graduate-level credit hours and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 each semester.

### **Review of scholarship application begins:**

**Fall Semester- March 1st**

**Spring Semester- September 1st**

**Please submit your application by email. Send application to: [ISSS@NMSU.EDU](mailto:ISSS@NMSU.EDU)**

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**Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or rewarded;  
remember to fill out all parts of your application.**

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